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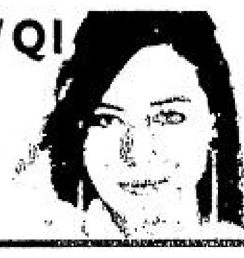

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Reading the surveys: Is GMA really leading?

By Minerva Generalao
Head, PDI Research

IS GMA really leading?

This question is raised because of conflicting survey results from different pollsters.

In the latest Social Weather Stations survey conducted between April 10 and 17, Presi-

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FPJ slow on the draw with texting, Ping laments

By Norman Bordadora

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According to presidential candidate Sen. Panfilo

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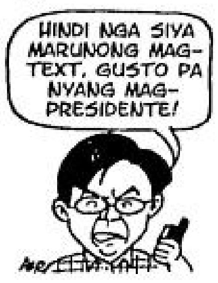
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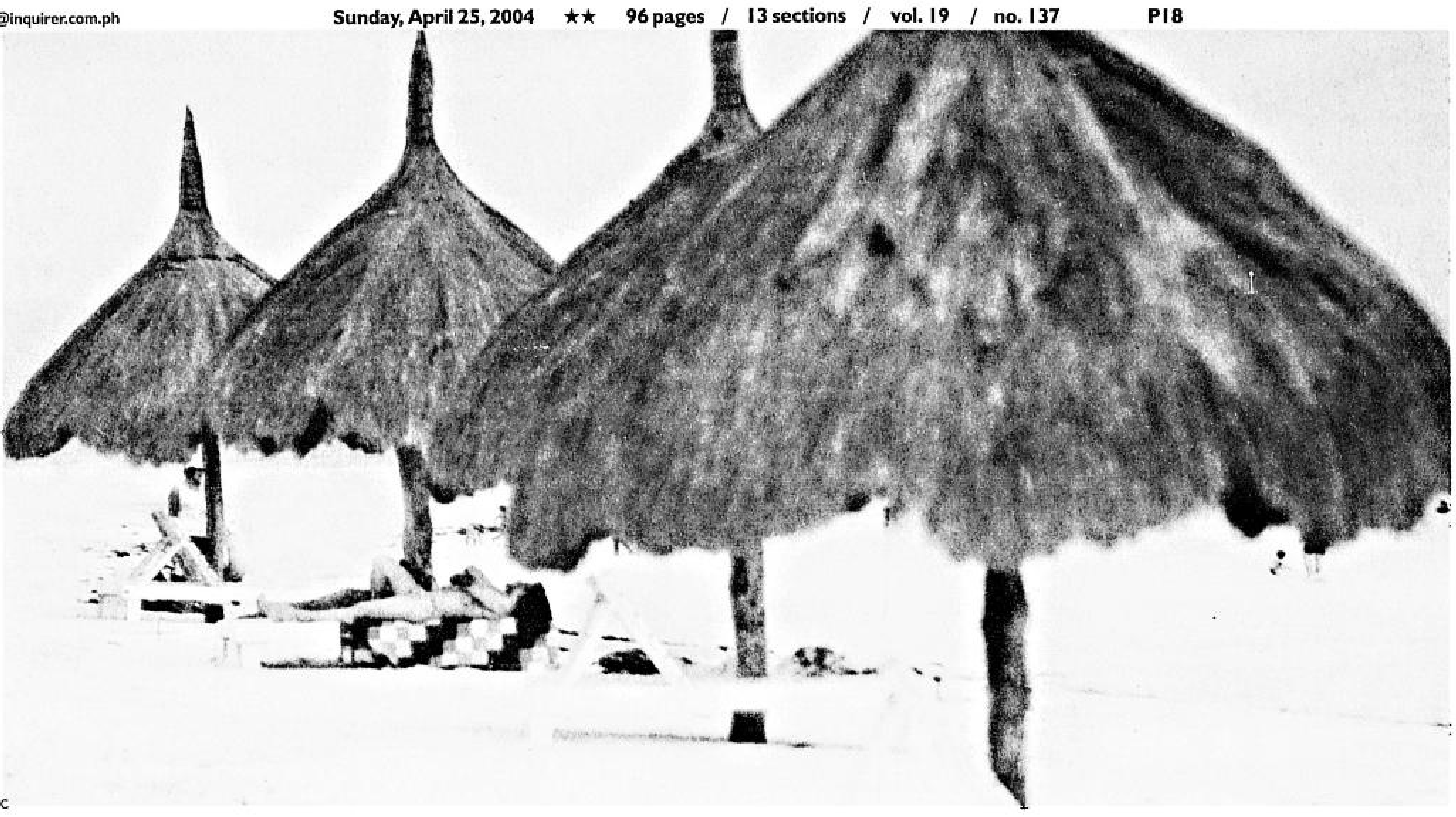

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May 1 protest called off

GMA rivals postpone rally in deference to Labor Day

By Michael Lim Ubac, Norman Bordadora, Armand Nocum and Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE POLITICIANS have stepped back, so the presidential Palace can relax, for the time being.

The presidential rivals of President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday decided to postpone the planned massive protest against her, which had been tentatively scheduled for May 1.

Instead, the projected rally to denounce Ms Macapagal's alleged misuse of public funds for her election campaign would be held on another day before the May 10 polls, said Jaime Galvez-Tan, presidential candidate Raul Roco's political strategist.

"We have decided to respect May 1 as workers' day, so we will not have a grand rally on that day," he said.

In a phone call from Houston, Texas, where he underwent medical tests for chronic back pains, Roco supported the decision to postpone the opposition show of force.

The results of his tests were still not known.

"It would be better for him to personally reveal whatever information he can share about his health," said Herminio Aquino, Roco's running mate.

Galvez-Tan told the INQUIRER the decision not to push through with the May 1 protest was reached in a meeting of representatives of Fernando Poe Jr.'s Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino, Roco's Alyansa ng Pag-Asa and Eddie Villanueva's Bangon Pilipinas.

They will meet again tomorrow to finalize the date and venue for the rally, which organizers hope would be attended by Poe, Roco and Villanueva.

"It's now or never," said Galvez-Tan . "We can't just keep quiet and weep as the nation is being plundered and desecrated by those in power."

Ms Macapagal, who had taken a near five percent lead over Poe in the most recent survey by the Social Weather Stations, said yesterday she would exercise restraint towards protesters but warned against violence.

Rival presidential candidate Sen. Panfilo Lacson had urged its organizers to call off the protest, saying adventurous groups might use it to set the stage for a "no election" scenario.

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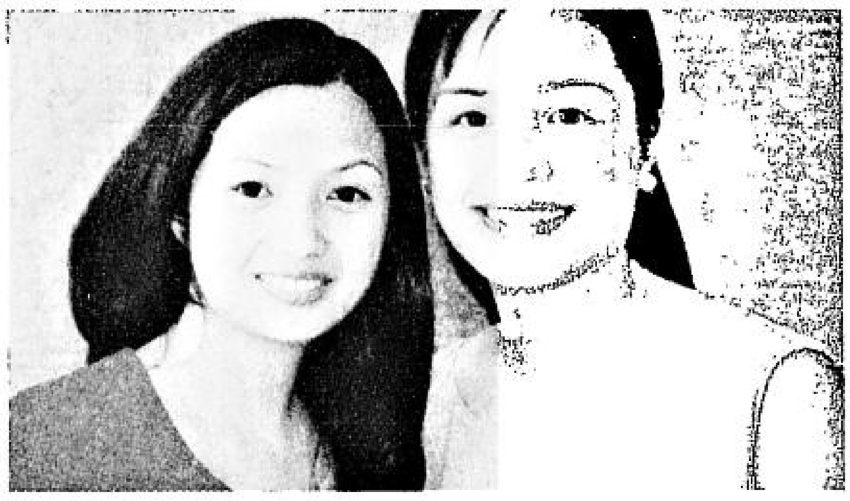

AVEGAIL Alapilde and Jennifer Manguiat: Beyond skin deep

Beauty is in their inspiring life stories

By Margaux Ortiz

FOR TWO women, breaking the age-old myths about beauty was as simple as telling their life stories.

Avegail Alapilde, 27, and Jennifer Manguiat, 36, recently won over some 4,000 women who submitted their inspiring stories to a beauty products company that wanted to promote a "beauty that is not typecast."

Alapilde was 18 years old when she entered a convent as a novice in 1996. It was the fulfillment of an early desire to serve God and others by joining a religious order.

As a teen, Alapilde said that while other students her age enjoyed nor-

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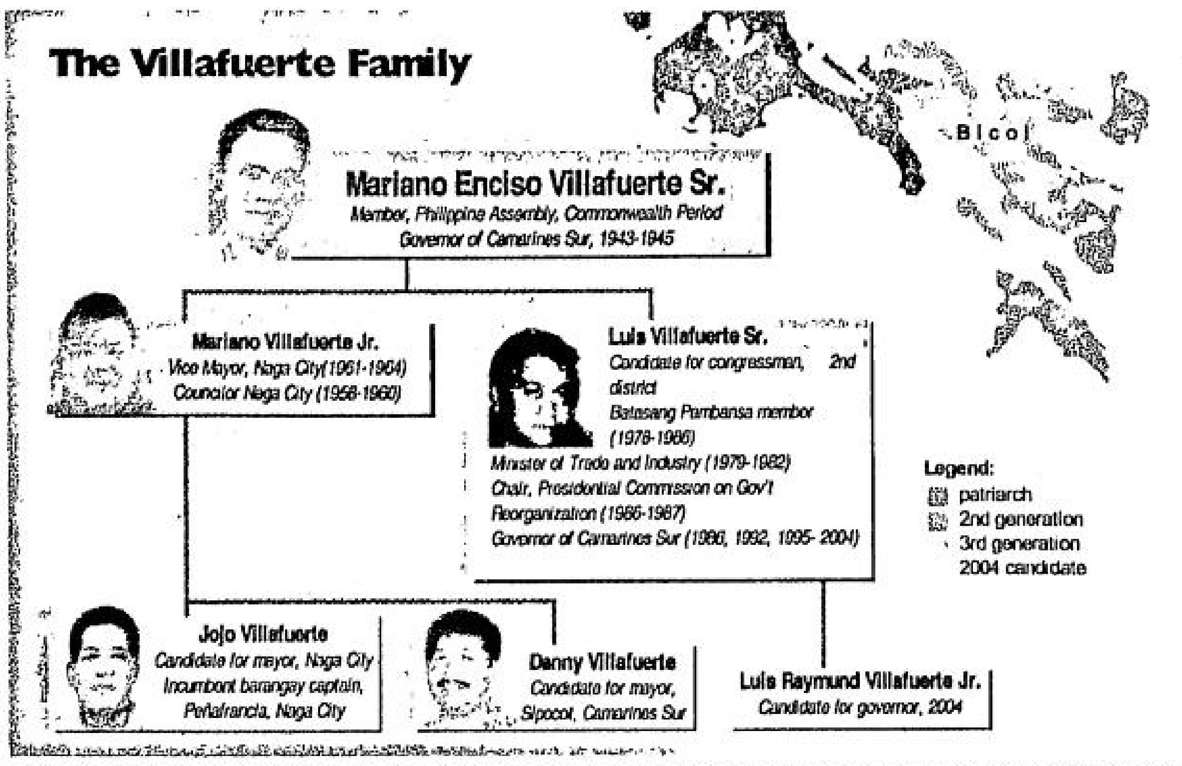
A NATION OF CLANS

Southern Luzon: Villafuertes command biggest base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By PDI Southern Luzon Bureau
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ELEKSYON 2004 SPECIAL REPORT

SOME OF the region's old political families like the Tañadas of Quezon and the Yulos of Laguna no longer figure as prominently in Southern Luzon politics but the heirs of such clans as the Rectos and Laurels of Batangas are now trying to revive their old political hegemony.

At least four major political clans—the Fuentebellas, Alfelors, Andayas and Villafuertes—are rivals for dominance of Camarines Sur, the biggest province in the Bicol region.

True to political dynastic behavior, all of these families are busy passing on the political torch to their kin—their wives, brothers, sons, daughters, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Camarines Sur

The Fuentebellas, the Alfelors, the Andayas and the Villafuertes have shaped and determined the political fate of Camarines Sur, Bicol's premier province, since even before World War II.

They decide the gubernatorial and congressional contests in the province, using their networks of supporters down to the municipal level and by allying themselves with major national political forces.

Of the four major clans, the Villafuertes are considered to command the broadest political base, their influence extending to all of the 35 towns and two cities of Ca-

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This school for docs who stay to serve

By Roland G. Simbulan
Contributor

MARILOU Agnes Tejero is a doctor. She graduated with a medical degree in 1984. And she has chosen to work in the remote barangays and hinterlands of her native Samar and the Eastern Visayas.

Loreto Gutay-Mendoza is also a doctor. She too graduated with a medical degree in 1984. She is a consultant with the World Health Organization, but with a difference. Gutay serves the most depressed rural communities of Asia, some of them even poorer than those she had seen in her country.

Tejero and Mendoza have two things in common, the first being their decision to use their skills to serve the impoverished.

The second is that they belong to the first batch of medical graduates of the School of Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte.

For the past 27 years, the school, which is an affiliate of the University of the Philippines-Manila, has been turning out doctors, nurses, midwives and barangay health workers, about 97 percent of whom have chosen to serve in the rural areas.

This goes against the prevailing trend among doctors, nurses and other health workers of joining the exodus abroad.

It also puts in a rather awkward light the current trend in the SHS's parent university, the University of the Philippines, where about 65 percent of the alumni of its College of Medicine and about 95 percent of the College of Nursing are practicing abroad.

It would be wrong to say that the SHS graduates performed poorly in school or received an inferior medical education that they eliminated themselves from the race for foreign employment.

Quite the contrary. Though it

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers or thunderstorms. The rest of the country will continue to have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated brief rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon
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Second FRONTPAGE

Pagcor franchise would face rough sailing in Senate–Nene

By Michael Lim Ubac
and Armand N. Nocum

THE PHILIPPINE Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor), which has been accused of using its funds to boost the candidacy of President Macapagal-Arroyo, would find it difficult to have its franchise extended.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. said that considering Pagcor's "apparent complicity with the presidential partisan political agenda, I think extending the franchise of Pagcor would be quite difficult."

Pagcor's franchise will expire in 2008. The House of Representatives had approved a 25-year extension of Pagcor's franchise to operate casinos nationwide. But this would still be subject to approval by the Senate.

Pimentel said Ms Macapagal's allies in the House had railroaded the bill through the lower chamber since it would be favorable to Pagcor and the administration to have the franchise extended at this time. "If it expires in 2008, it is quite possible that the next administration may no longer be that lenient or favorable to them," Pimentel said.

The extension of Pagcor's franchise was also linked to casino mogul Stanley Ho, who is allegedly behind gambling casinos to be put up on reclaimed land off Roxas Boulevard, which Pagcor plans to turn into an entertainment complex.

Administration Sen. Joker Arroyo, however, admitted that the move to extend the franchise of Pagcor for another 25 years was "practically a dead issue."

"The bill did not even pass the committee stage," said Arroyo, who chairs the Senate committee on public services, where the bill was referred by the plenary.

Since the bill, authored by Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles, failed to prosper in the Senate, it is now a mere scrap of paper, Arroyo said.

"That can't be taken up during the special session," said Arroyo who said that Congress, in joint session, would only be canvassing the votes for President and Vice President starting May 24 until the first week of June.

Arroyo said those pushing for the extension of the Pagcor franchise would have no other recourse but to refile it in the next Congress, which will convene after June 30.

Pangasinan Archbishop Oscar Cruz earlier accused Pagcor of spending at least P68 million to boost the candidacy of the President.

Senate sources told the INQUIRER that the passage of the bill did not sit well with senators who knew that some Malacañang officials would financially benefit from it.

Sources disclosed that Pagcor and Malacañang wanted the franchise extended although Pagcor's charter still had five years to run in order to attract more casino investors.

One of the objections to the bill was the possibility that it would be used to allow Pagcor to farm out its franchise to private entities, said the sources.

Administration senators, who asked not to be named, believed that such a move would be inimical to the national interest and was thus a potential embarrassment to the administration, which it could not afford during the election season.

Rep. Joel Villanueva of the party-list group Citizens Battle Against Corruption admitted the other day that Pagcor had "indirectly bribed" him with P5 million worth of projects to stop his opposition to the bill.

Villanueva theorized that the extension of Pagcor's franchise would protect Stanley Ho.

As this developed, the anti-corruption group PlunderWatch yesterday compared Pagcor's questionable use of funds to the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard scam since both had the "imprint" of the Palace.

PlunderWatch convenor Carol Araullo said that in both cases, there was only "circumstantial evidence" pointing to Ms Macapagal.

Comelec quick count won't reveal top results

By Martin P. Marfil

COMMISSION on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos yesterday said the law prohibits the election body from revealing the results of the presidential and vice presidential contests in the unofficial Comelec quick count.

Abalos said the Comelec is only allowed to reveal the results of the senatorial and party-list elections as the law states that only Congress may conduct a canvass of the votes for the top two posts.

"We are under the constraints of the law, we are not supposed ... to publish it (presidential and vice presidential results)," Abalos said in a telephone interview.

The Comelec plans to conduct its own unofficial quick count on election day through the use of a satellite transmission network throughout the country.

The Comelec quick count is being opposed by some sectors, including the National Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) which said yesterday the project was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"We've always said it was a waste of money. We knew (the Comelec cannot publish the presidential and vice presidential results). Why spend P360 million to produce unofficial results? It should never have been done," said Namfrel's Guillermo "Bill" Luz.

Luz said Namfrel had known the Constitution bars the Comelec from revealing the results of the presidential and vice presidential races which is under the purview of Congress.

Namfrel is expected to conduct its own quick count on election day at no cost to the government.

An opposition Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino lawyer, Sixto Brillantes, had also criticized the Comelec quick count, saying this would only result in two quick counts and the Comelec's slow official count.

Back GMA party, Red leader dared

WALK your talk.

Malacañang yesterday challenged Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Ma. Sison to have the CCP campaign against opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr.

This after Sison, who lives in exile in the Netherlands, said Poe was "inferior" to President Macapagal-Arroyo and was the "dummy of plunderers and human rights violators.'

'Joma's statement is ... an indication that just as the Left were patriots... in 1986 versus a dictatorship, they would campaign versus a candidate whom Joma termed a dummy of Estrada, the Marcoses and other long-running plunderers," said presidential chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao.

In the statement, Sison said both Ms Macapagal and Poe had negative aspects but he reserved his more stinging words for Poe.

"GMA is vulnerable to criticism for her performance in office during the last three years. FPJ is vulnerable to outright rejection as someone totally lacking in intellectual preparation and political experience for the presidential position," Sison said. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

Poe not keen on meeting with Ping

By Carlito Pablo

LIBMANAN, Camarines Sur—Chances of the fractured opposition uniting further dimmed yesterday after the camp of action star Fernando Poe Jr. expressed reluctance to hold more talks with rival presidential candidate Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson.

Sen. Vicente "Tito" Sotto III yesterday said there was no point in talking unity if Lacson would not withdraw from the presidential race.

"The only hope for unification is if there is a withdrawal," said Sotto, adding that Poe definitely would not withdraw from the presidential race.

Poe ranked second with 30.8 percent while Lacson was a far third with 10.6 percent in the latest survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations.

Lacson, who dislodged Alyansa ng Pag-asa standard-bearer Raul Roco from the third spot, announced earlier that he was free to meet with Poe on either Monday or Tuesday.

But Sotto was not optimistic that a meeting between Poe and Lacson would push through. "Apparently it's not optimistic, especially if the mentality of those going to the meeting is that they don't have any plans to withdraw," he said.

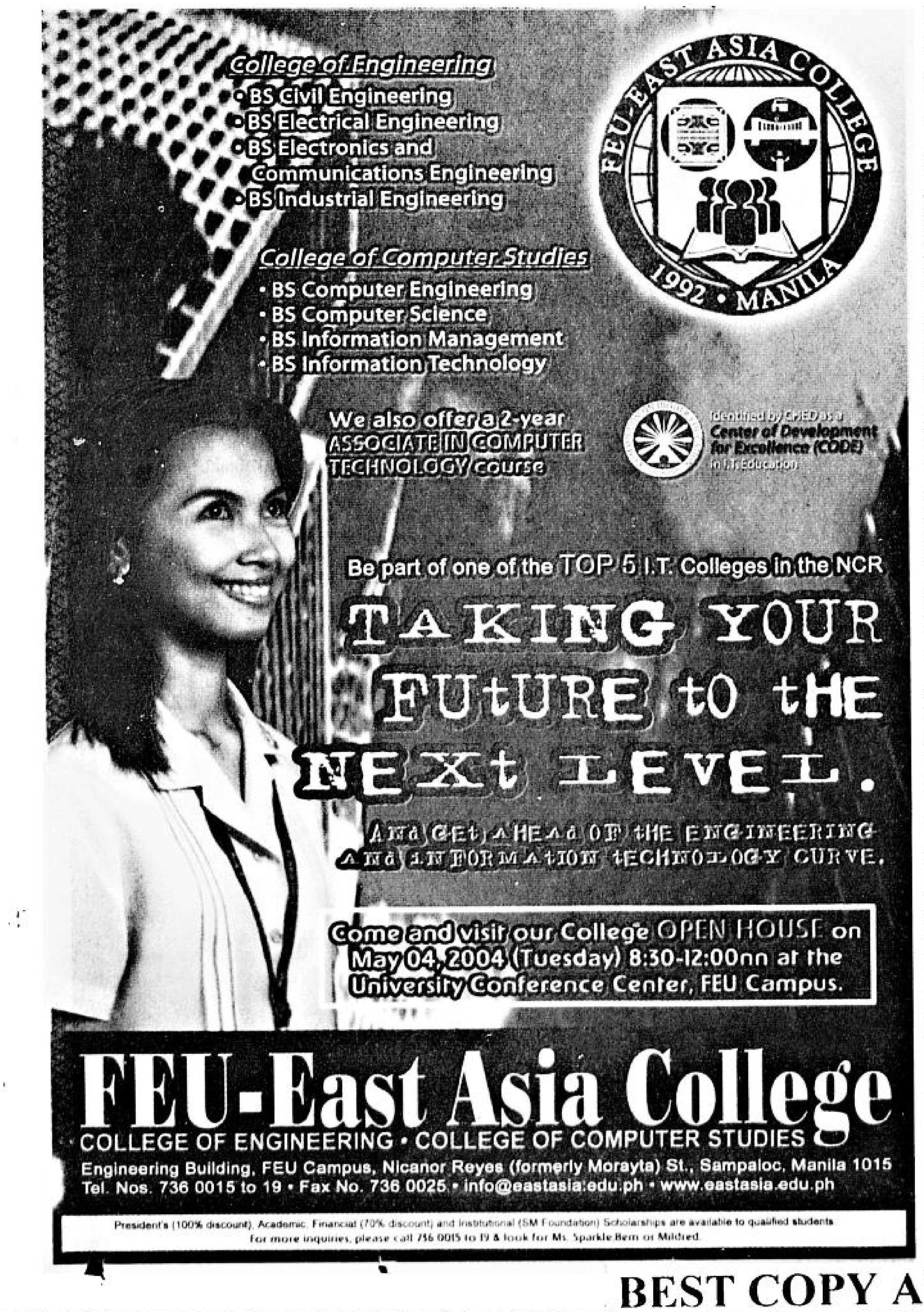
Even Poe himself indicated in a separate interview that he was not too keen on Lacson's virtual invitation to meeting on Monday or Tuesday.

"I'm not sure. I'll check my schedule," was Poe's lukewarm response.

Asked if the meeting would depend on Lacson's schedule, Poe said: "No. He was the one who said he's free on Monday. That's what he said."

Sotto also ruled out the possibility of Lacson becoming Poe's running mate in the event the opposition senator agrees to slide down to the second spot. "That's not possible because it's already an FPJ-Loren tandem."

Sotto was referring to Sen. Loren Legarda who is Poe's vice presidential candidate.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2 Filipinos wounded in recent Iraq violence

By Jerome Aning

TWO FILIPINO workers in northern Iraq were injured during the recent intensified attacks against the United States-led occupation forces there, according to a Department of Foreign Affairs official.

The DFA official, who asked not to be named, said the Filipinos, both mess hall workers, were wounded in separate mortar attacks on Camps Freedom and Glory in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on April 3 and 11.

The Philippine charge d'affaires in Iraq, Ricardo Endaya, had submitted a report to the DFA on the incident which had yet to be made public, the source said.

The incident belied assurances given the other day by Ambassador Roy Cimatu that the estimated 4,000 Filipinos in Iraq, most of them workers in the coalition's camps and bases, were safe.

Camp Glory is located one mile east of the Mosul airport while Camp Freedom was a palace belonging to ousted strongman Saddam Hussein also in Mosul, which is Iraq's second largest city.

In the Camp Freedom attack, the source recounted, a gymnasium was hit by an explosion, injuring a Filipino who was walking nearby. Five people were killed and 16 Americans were wounded in that attack.

"He had injuries in the neck. If he was hit in the head, he could have died," the DFA official said.

In the Camp Glory attack, the second Filipino was hurt when the mess hall was hit by an explosion. The victim suffered extensive injuries to his legs, which did need to be amputated, the source said.

According to the source, both Filipinos were brought to the military hospital in Mosul, where they were visited by Endaya and eventually discharged.

"They're okay now but I was told that they are scared and cowering in fear," the source said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered a head count of Filipinos in Iraq as part of contingency measures to ensure their safety in the face of spiraling violence in the war-ravaged country.

"All Filipino workers in Iraq are being accounted for by our Iraq team. They shall be identified, organized and briefed on pertinent contingency measures," Ms Macapagal said in a statement Friday.

The President called on all Filipinos, regardless of their immigration status, to cooperate with the Iraq team led by Cimatu.

"We are determined to ensure their safety and keep them out of harm's way," the President said. ***With Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Juliet Labog-Javellana***

Ed execs not sold on 'bridge' plan

By Dona Pazzibugan

WITH TWO months to go before the opening of classes, education officials are still trying to sell the idea of a "pre-high school bridge program" to their own people.

The program has met stiff resistance from parents and teachers, who complained about the "added burden" of keeping the children in school a year longer.

Top education officials are scheduled to meet with local Department of Education directors, superintendents and supervisors on Monday to brief them on the program.

Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz told reporters the DepEd hopes the officials would be able to explain to the teachers and parents the need for a full-year refresher course.

Based on interviews, it appeared that many DepEd officials themselves were still not sold on the idea.

The DepEd wants to add a one-year "bridge" program between the sixth grade and the freshman year in high school in the public schools beginning in June for those students who would fail the High School Readiness Test scheduled for May 24.

The DepEd expects between 50 and 70 percent of incoming freshmen to undergo the bridge program, as past "diagnostic tests" showed that majority of Grade 6 students had not mastered elementary school English, Science and Math.

The Alliance of Concerned Teachers suggested instead that the DepEd integrate the refresher course into the lesson plan of the regular freshman classes.

"We can have it as part of the transition for first year students who are slow learners, so they can catch up with the required competencies. But they should be considered part of the first-year class," said ACT secretary general Flora Arellano.

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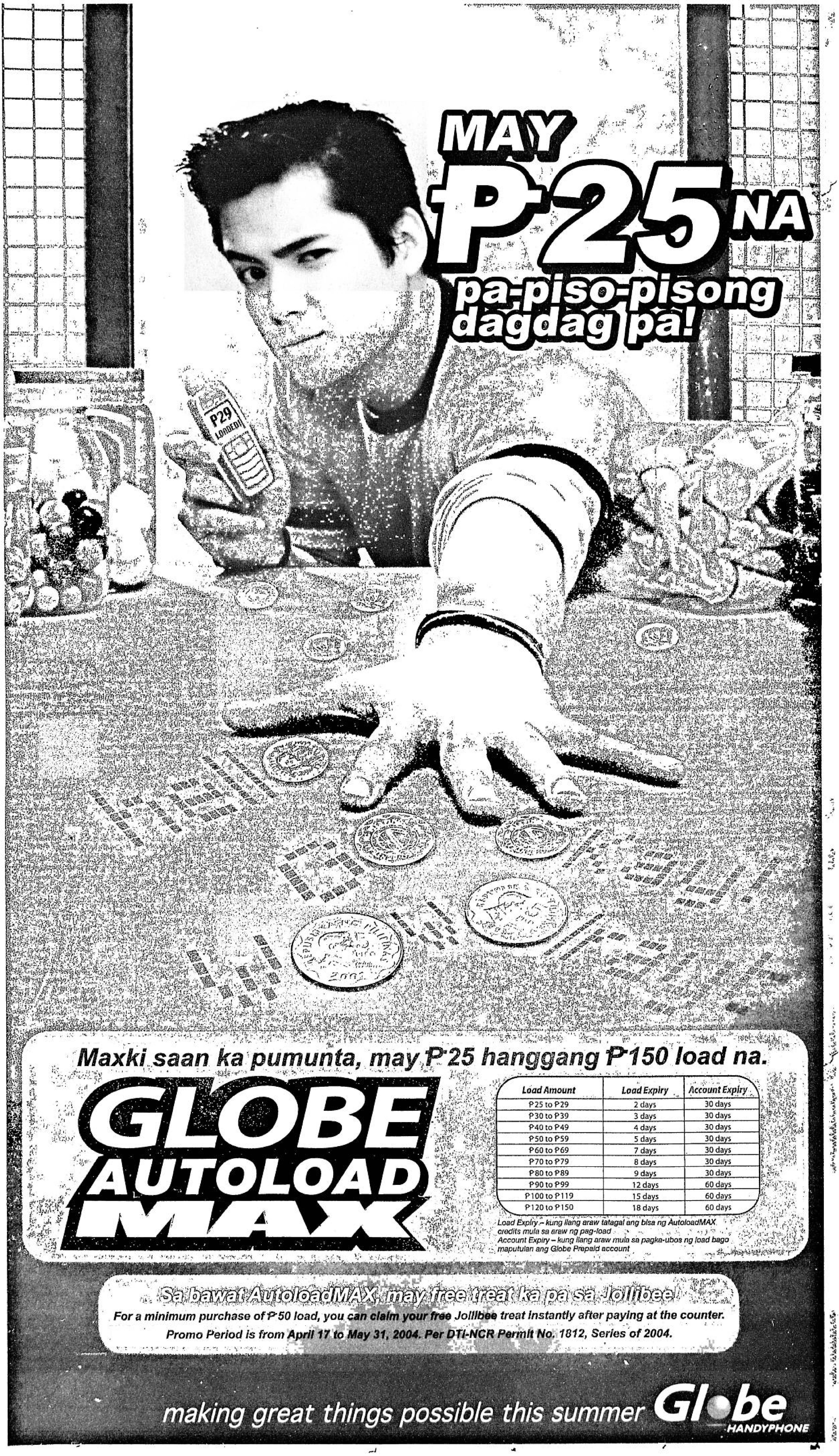
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FPJ slow on the draw . . .

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Lacson, if factions of the opposition fail to field a common standard-bearer before the May 10 polls, it's because the rival presidential bet Fernando Poe Jr. isn't proficient in SMS (Short Messaging System).

Lacson said he and Poe agreed to re-open their lines of communication, including text messaging, when they met one-on-one on Easter Sunday. However, the actor has ignored the senator's text messages and even failed to return a call at a crucial point during unification efforts last week, Lacson said.

"Poe told me he is a slow texter, that he doesn't really know how to text. Our agreement was I'll text him, then he would call," Lacson told reporters covering his campaign.

Lacson said Poe admitted he keeps his mobile phone turned off most of the time and has requested that the senator just send him a text message. When the actor turns on his cellular, the messages received would register on the phone and Poe would return Lacson's call.

" (So) I texted him on Monday and waited for his call," Lacson said.

The two were scheduled to hold unification talks last Monday, but the talks fell through because of conflicting schedules. Lacson was free all afternoon, but Poe called to say he was only available until noon.

The senator hoped they could hold unity talks at night, after Poe finished his important business for that day.

"(But) no call came," Lacson said. "I was hoping we could still meet even at 10 (in the evening)."

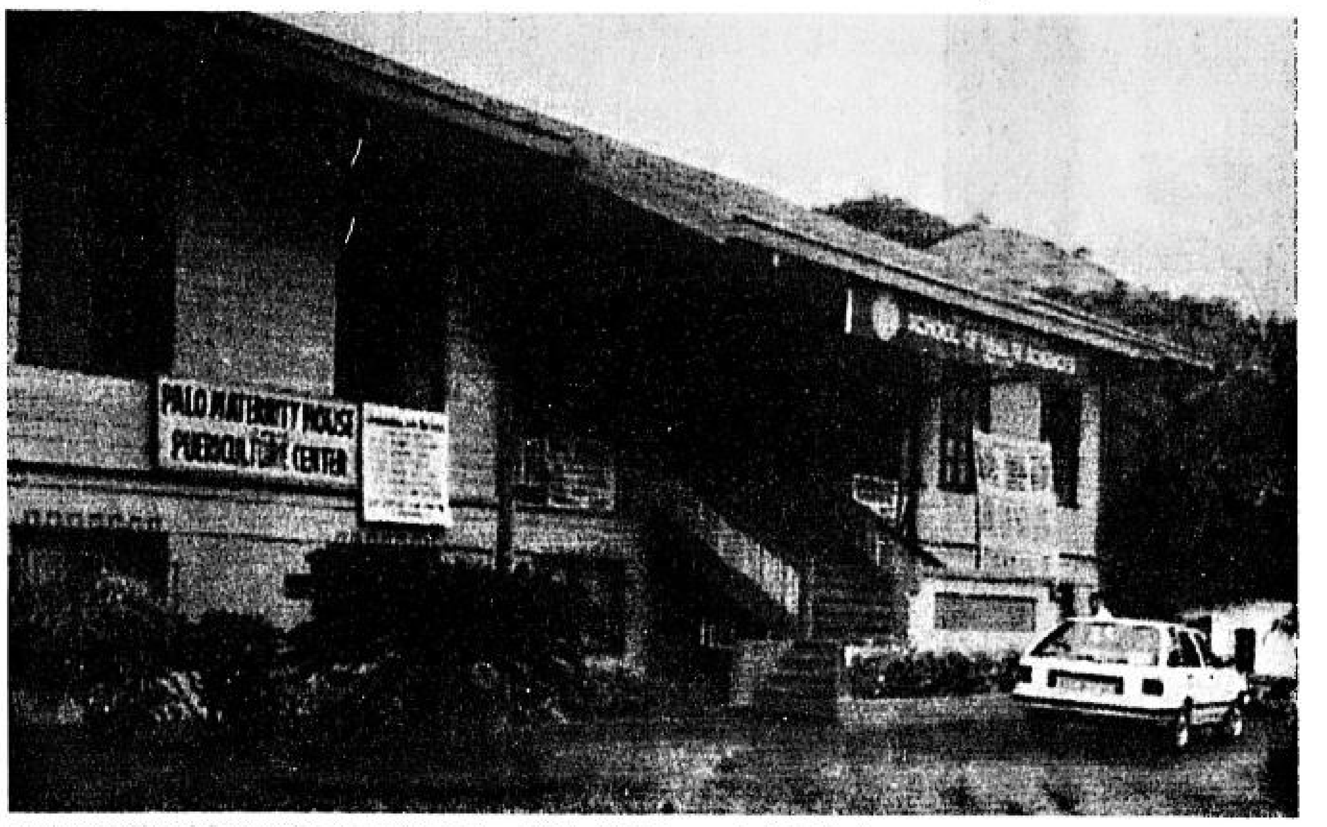
The two have rescheduled their meeting for tomorrow. Hopefully, they can agree on who would slide down and come up with a single standard-bearer for the opposition.

"Perhaps on Monday, I'll be able to convince him to slide down or give way. I'm not losing hope," Lacson said.

Poe said the talks should take place before May 1, and should not conflict with his campaign schedule. *(See related story on Page A2).*

"If he really believes in uniting the opposition, there should be no deadlines. There should be no conditions," Lacson said.

When the senator heard that Poe was no longer keen on unification, Lacson said: "If he considers unification talks a non-priority, then we have our own schedule to follow. We cannot just kowtow to his schedule."



RURAL SCHOOL for rural doctors: The School of Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte.

This school for docs who stay to serve

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is located in one of the most economically neglected regions of the country, the SHS has been producing quite an impressive harvest of graduates. In the last medical board examinations, for example, two of the top 10 examinees were SHS graduates: fifth-placer Francis Langi from Western Samar and 10th-placer Salvador Destura from Sorsogon.

Children of farmers

It would also be wrong to say that SHS graduates come from wealthy families and therefore have no need for the precious greenbacks. The school's students are children of farmers, fisher folk and indigenous peoples. They were accepted precisely because they came from the poorest communities.

When the SHS was put up in Palo 27 years ago, about 70 percent of its students were chosen from the Samar-Leyte area. Today, only 30 percent are from the region.

Located 12 km south of the provincial capital of Tacloban City, the SHS appears to have done what other medical and nursing schools in the country had been unable to do, that is, keep our doctors, nurses and health workers at home.

Initially called the Institute of Health Sciences, it was inspired by a concept that originated in the People's Republic of China, the system of training "barefoot doctors."

Disturbed by the trend of medical graduates going abroad, Dr. Florentino Herrera Jr., the then dean of the UP College of Medicine at the time, organized a committee to study the possibility of establishing a rural-based medical school.

The idea was to create a medical and health sciences school that would develop a community-oriented health manpower for rural communities. Then as now, it was an innovative curriculum.

Stepladder curriculum

The SHS was established on June 28, 1976. Applicants had to be nominated by their communities. The UP Board of Regents approved a stepladder curriculum, in which the entire medical course curriculum is chopped up into segments so that if a student were to drop out at any point, he would have acquired enough training in a category of health practitioner.

For instance, after a quarter of a year of studies, the equivalent of 11 weeks of training, a student, would have acquired the knowledge and skills of a barangay health worker.

Several more quarters of studies and a student would qualify as community health worker, midwife and community health nurse. Further up is a bachelor's degree in community health, the equivalent of a nursing practitioner. The final level is the doctor of medicine program, which consists of a yearly interval of intense academic study and community experience for more than five years.

Back to the community

The entire education process ensures that there is an active partnership with the home communities in the training and shaping of the outlook of SHS students.

Students are required to render service to the community, the "service leave," after exiting a particular program.

The SHS admits students on the basis of community needs. Target areas are chosen based on current availability of health workers, health statistics, population and economic status. Members of remote, depressed and underserved barangays are recruited and selected by the community.

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"This program is a radical way of bringing down the ivory tower of the UP educational system to the barangay level. The applicant to this program must have a penchant for missionary work since all of the field training is in the rural areas," said Dr. Sumana Barua, an SHS alumnus who is now also with the WHO regional office in Manila.

A 'social contract'

The SHS has 19 full-time faculty members and 28 lecturers, and an administrative staff of 15. It has 160 students, all full scholars, endorsed by their communities with which they have an unwritten "social contract" to return and serve.

Inspired by the success of the SHS, the UP Manila Strategic Plan for 2003-2005 has called on all UP units to open and strengthen their links with the school in the form of faculty exchanges, research collaboration and fieldwork in community medicine.

Now recognized as an institution to be emulated, the SHS is now linked to the main UP Manila campus through teleconferencing during university council meetings.

The SHS will soon transfer from its present location in Palo's old Maternity House to a 10-hectare property that the UP is developing in barangays Bagacay and Cabalawan.

'Kat-ani'

The students of SHS recently published the first issue of their official student publication, "Kat-ani," which is the Waray term for harvest time. It is a name worthy of a school that has been producing alumni who have become the trailblazers in UP's quest for continuing relevance.

Because of them, the medical and health profession can still say: There are doctors and health workers who stay.

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The Department of Interior and Local Government added P500,000 to the similar amount put up recently by the relatives of the victims of Jose Ma. Sarmiento Panlilio, son of the late jeweler Fe S. Panlilio.

Panlilio is wanted for the killing of half-brothers Albert Gutierrez, 31, and Ariel Real, 28, on July 15, 2003, in Calamba, Laguna.

Panlilio allegedly shot the victims to whom he had offered to sell his Starex van for P300,000. The vehicle was with a car dealer in Laguna.

In the morning of July 15, Panlilio brought the victims to the Palacio Real Subdivision in Calamba, where he allegedly shot them at close range.

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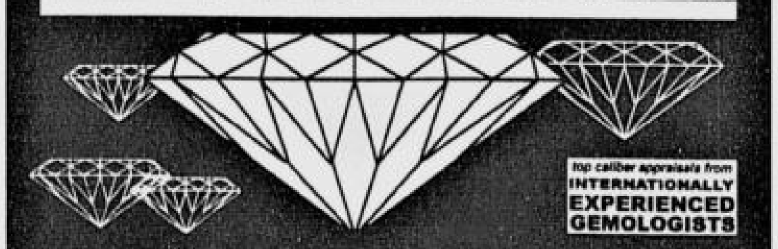

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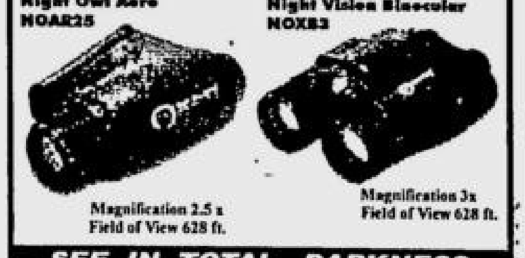

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We all want societal change. Our elected leaders have appropriated varied ways of reforming the country without significant progress. Even the previous involvement of religious leaders in politics has not made a marked difference. Clearly, the solution to our national woes will not come when Church leaders get into partisan politics but when they build up their congregations spiritually.

Perhaps you have heard the story of the *Keeper of the Spring.*

> *There was a man who lived high in the mountains who had the responsibility of keeping the spring pure. He removed the trash, dead animals, and rerouted contaminated streams in the vicinity of the spring that gushed clear water. But the town beneath the mountain was short on money and, to balance the budget, decided to cancel the man's salary. They argued that people seldom saw him, and the stream would probably remain pure by itself. And it did, for a short while. But within a few weeks the stream was filled with fungus, and an epidemic spread throughout the village.*
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> *No doubt some members of the town council advocated measures to clean up the water supply with the latest chemicals. These measures were of some value; the epidemic slowed. At the next mayoral election, candidates vied for theories by which the "water problem" could be solved. The wisest among them suggested that they rehire the Keeper of the Spring,* ***for it was on the top of the mountain that the contamination took place.*** (Quoted in Erwin Lutzer's *Why The Cross Can Do What Politics Cannot,* 1999).

SALT AND LIGHT CONSPIRACY

As salt and light of the earth, Christians need to practice the Good News as **a people of compassion, excellence** and **integrity**. We need to be an inspiration to our family, neighbors, and co-workers. In the end, this impact will effect the societal change we desire. An actual example in U.S. history shows this principle well.

> *During the 1870's, abortion was a major moral crisis. But between 1910 and the 1960's the abortion rate was cut down to 50%. This turnout, however, was* ***not accomplished by rallying against abortionists or passing laws*** *but by the Christian Churches and Movements that offered* ***positive alternatives*** *to help abandoned pregnant women. Organizations like "The Salvation Army and Florence Crittenton Homes concentrated on helping abandoned women. Between 1833 and 1933, Crittenton Homes helped 500,000 unmarried women. Evangelists like D.L. Moody always carried in their pockets the names and addresses of families who would provide a room in their homes to unmarried women who found themselves pregnant and without resources.*

These ministries made an effective difference in the country.

Cal Thomas was right when he noted,

> *In a politics-obsessed age, the one-to-one practice of compassion may be less thrilling and may seem less important than dramatic protest or power politicking, but it is the major way in which lives have been saved ... yes, protective laws and enforcement help, but the most effective pro-life efforts have always concentrated on* ***one life at a time.*** (Ed Dobson and Carl Thomas, *Blinded by Might,* 2000)

The Bible in GALATIANS 6:9 reminds us, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest* ***if we do not give up.***

CONFUSION OF CONVICTIONS

Christian Church leaders' involvement in the current political scenario is a big tragedy to the Church. This involvement in political partisanship has misrepresented the Church and muddied her spiritual testimony. A retrospect of the "JDV DEBACLE"—Jesus' Declaration of Victory(?)—wherein the name of the Lord was sadly and erroneously dragged to endorse then presidentiable Jose de Venecia (JDV), has not done enough to rectify Christians of the dismal effect of misapplying church involvement in political partisanship. The incorrect exegetical use of Scripture to support this participation is a perilous disregard for biblical scholarship and church history. It counters the spirit and intent of the "Non-establishment Clause" in the Principle of Separation of Church and State — a conviction for which men and women of God in history died.

"Too many of us Christians confuse political convictions with spiritual convictions..."

Don Ratzlaff wrote:

> ***Too many of us Christians confuse political convictions with spiritual convictions...*** *We assume people of one Lord, one faith and one baptism must also promote one political agenda. That assumption leads the church into trouble.*
>
> *...When the church* ***confuses spiritual and political convictions*** *it is tempted to use* ***political power to forward a "spiritual" agenda.*** (*Christianity Today,* February 23, 1993)

The Bible clearly states that even our Lord Jesus was not lured into politics. JOHN 6:14-15 says, *After the people saw the miraculous sign ..., they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet...." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew....*

Later on, when questioned by Pilate (JOHN 18:36) Jesus said, ***My kingdom is not of this world.*** *If it were, my servants would fight....*

Members of the church rightly gifted for government positions should get involved in the political arena. However, **Ministers** who hold offices in the church should not. Holy Scripture plainly defines that the church has two major classifications: ***the ministers*** of the gospel and ***the members*** of the body.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 declares that the Lord Jesus *...gave some to be apostles, ... prophets, ... evangelists, and ... pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

Scripture distinguishes that the **ministers** of the gospel *should attend to the spiritual upbuilding and inspiring of the members,* while the **members** *should be actively participating in country affairs* (as God's people doing works of service) *for the betterment of all.*

Alexis de Tocqueville, the famed French statesman who personally studied the phenomenal rise of the United States, wrote in *Democracy in America,*

> *It was religion that gave birth to the English colonies in America...* ***Religion in America takes NO DIRECT PART in the government of society, but it must be regarded as the first of their political institutions...*** (Os Guinness, *The Great Experiment,* 2001)

Then he noted something vital regarding the role of ministers:

> *... The American clergy in general ... are all in favor of civil freedom; but they do not* ***support any particular political system.*** *They keep* ***aloof from political parties and from public affairs.***

The latest parliamentary elections in South Korea last April 15 exhibited this principle strongly. According to the KOREA HERALD, *"the religious leaders are careful not to divide their congregations by telling them for which person or political party they should cast their vote."* In fact, out of the 12 million Christians who make up the 50,000 local churches, only 230,000 voted for the Christian political party and not one Christian candidate won. This turnout reflects a degree of MATURITY in the Christians' mentality of conscientiously choosing their national leaders.

Alexis de Tocqueville further remarked:

> *In the United States, religion exercises but little influence upon the laws and upon the details of public opinion; but it* ***directs the customs of the community,*** *and by regulating domestic life, it regulates the states ...* (Os Guinness, *The Great Experiment,* 2001)

❑ We need to remember that the most powerful movement of God in history did not happen in the palace of Herod but in the quiet manger of Bethlehem. Our Lord Jesus Himself chose this way as **the path of real and lasting change.**

> *I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is* ***my chief duty and joy*** *to accomplish* ***humble tasks*** *as though they were* ***great and noble.*** *For the world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes,* ***but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes*** *of each honest worker.*
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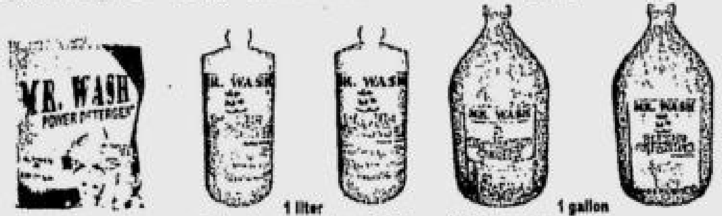

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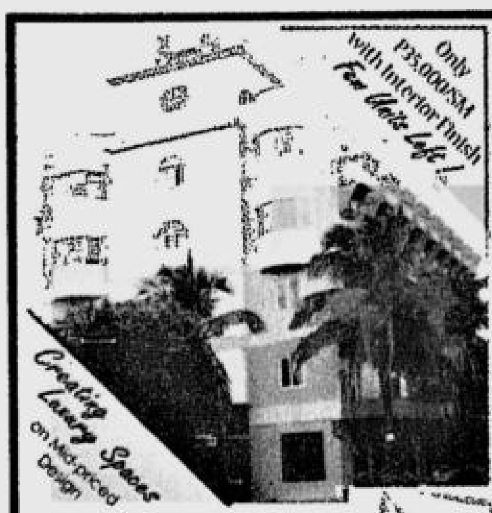

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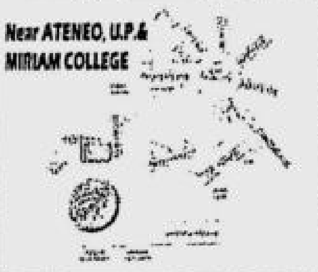

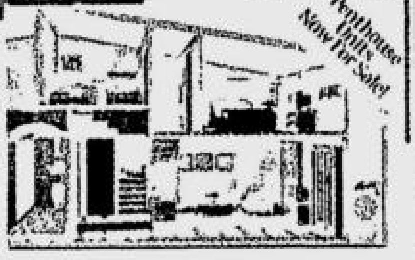

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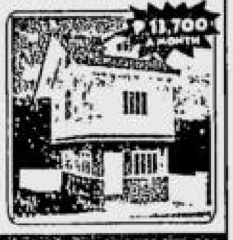

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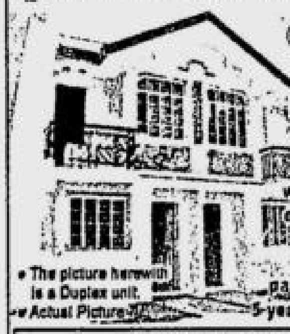

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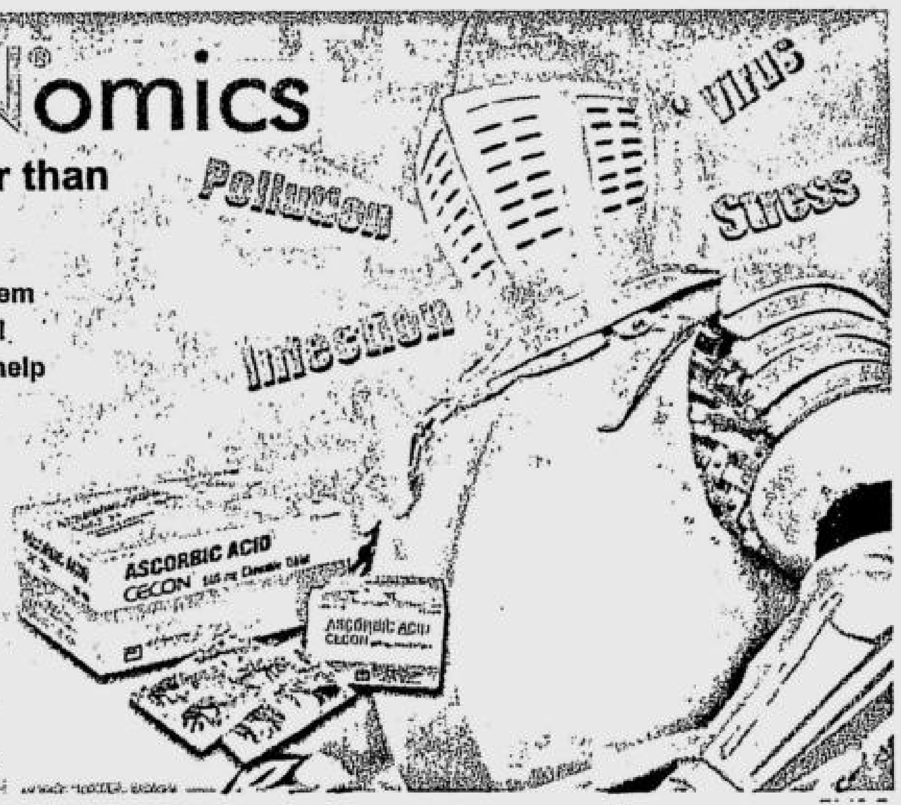

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Iraq cleric threatens suicide attacks

BAGHDAD—Radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr threatened US-led troops with suicide attacks if they attacked in Iraq's holy cities, while the UN special envoy to Iraq said a June 30 handover deadline could be met.

Sadr's militiamen killed a Bulgarian soldier in an ambush, as the United States sought additional international troops.

Sadr said his supporters would "resort to suicide operations" in a Friday sermon as his militia attacked a Bulgarian troop convoy, sparking a clash that left 10 people wounded, officials said.

A prominent Sunni leader in Baghdad, Sheikh Ahmad Abdel Ghafur Samarrai, warned US forces that their offensive on Fallujah could spark a national uprising.

Meanwhile, UN special envoy to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi said an interim government could be formed in Iraq by the scheduled June 30 handover of power by the US-led coalition, and that the deadline should not be extended.

"I think it is doable if we have, as I think and hope we will, the cooperation of everyone. I think it's doable," Brahimi said in the advance text of an interview with ABC television's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" program, to be broadcast in the United States on Sunday.

Brahimi insisted the United States should not put back the June 30 handover of sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

The former Algerian foreign minister conceded that, between now and June 30, "We are not pretending that we are going to form a government that is fully representative of the will of the Iraqi people.

"That will happen in the (Iraqi national) election in January 2005," he said.

Amid the worst violence since the invasion more than a year ago, US overseer for Iraq Paul Bremer announced the army of former dictator Saddam Hussein would be largely reformed to counter the country's security crisis amid coalition disquiet over the performance of new US-trained security forces.

"More of these officers with honorable records—from the former army and elsewhere—will serve in the months ahead as your new army grows," said Bremer.

Bremer also said that more than 2,500 detainees had been released since a special review board was established two months ago. Human rights groups have decried secrecy surrounding the fates of some 10,000 people held since the invasion.

US forces have promised to capture or kill Sadr over the murder of a rival, pro-US cleric last year. Nonetheless, he ramped up his threat against the coalition Friday, even as US-led soldiers massed outside the holy city of Najaf where he has been holed up for the last two weeks.

"If we are forced to defend our cities, we will resort to suicide operations and we will be human time-bombs which would explode in their faces," he said.

He said there were enough people prepared to carry them out.

"Until now we had refused to do this," he said. "But if we are forced to do it, we will," he said in Kufa, just outside Najaf. *AFP*

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Ex-US football star killed in Afghan battle

WASHINGTON—Former US professional football star Pat Tillman, who gave up a $3.6 million sports contract to join the military's elite special forces, has been killed in Afghanistan, the US military said on Friday.

US officials said Tillman was killed on Thursday in an intense firefight in southeastern Afghanistan as his Army Ranger unit hunted al-Qaida and Taliban guerrillas.

TILLMAN

The 27-year-old soldier, who quit his National Football League career to fanfare in May of 2002, eight months after the Sept. 11 attacks on America, was the most prominent American public figure killed in fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The announcement of his death was delayed by the Pentagon and the Army, in keeping with a law passed by Congress that forbids the military from identifying casualties until 24 hours after their deaths.

The White House said Tillman's family was in the prayers of President George W. Bush.

"Pat Tillman was an inspiration on and off the football field, as with all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror. His family is in the thoughts and prayers of President and Mrs. Bush," said a White House spokesperson, Taylor Gross.

Enlisting with his brother, Kevin, in the wake of the 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, Tillman turned down a $3.6 million contract from the Arizona Cardinals to become an Army Ranger for an annual salary of $18,000.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Tillman played for four seasons with the Cardinals, from 1998 to 2001.

The US military in the Afghan capital, Kabul, said on Friday that a soldier was killed and two wounded in a firefight near the village of Sperah southwest of Khost on Thursday after a patrol was ambushed. But it did not identify the dead soldier.

Paktia province, where the ambush took place, is one of several remote southeastern Afghan provinces at the heart of an insurgency led by remnants of the hardline Islamic Taliban, which US-led forces drove from power in late 2001.

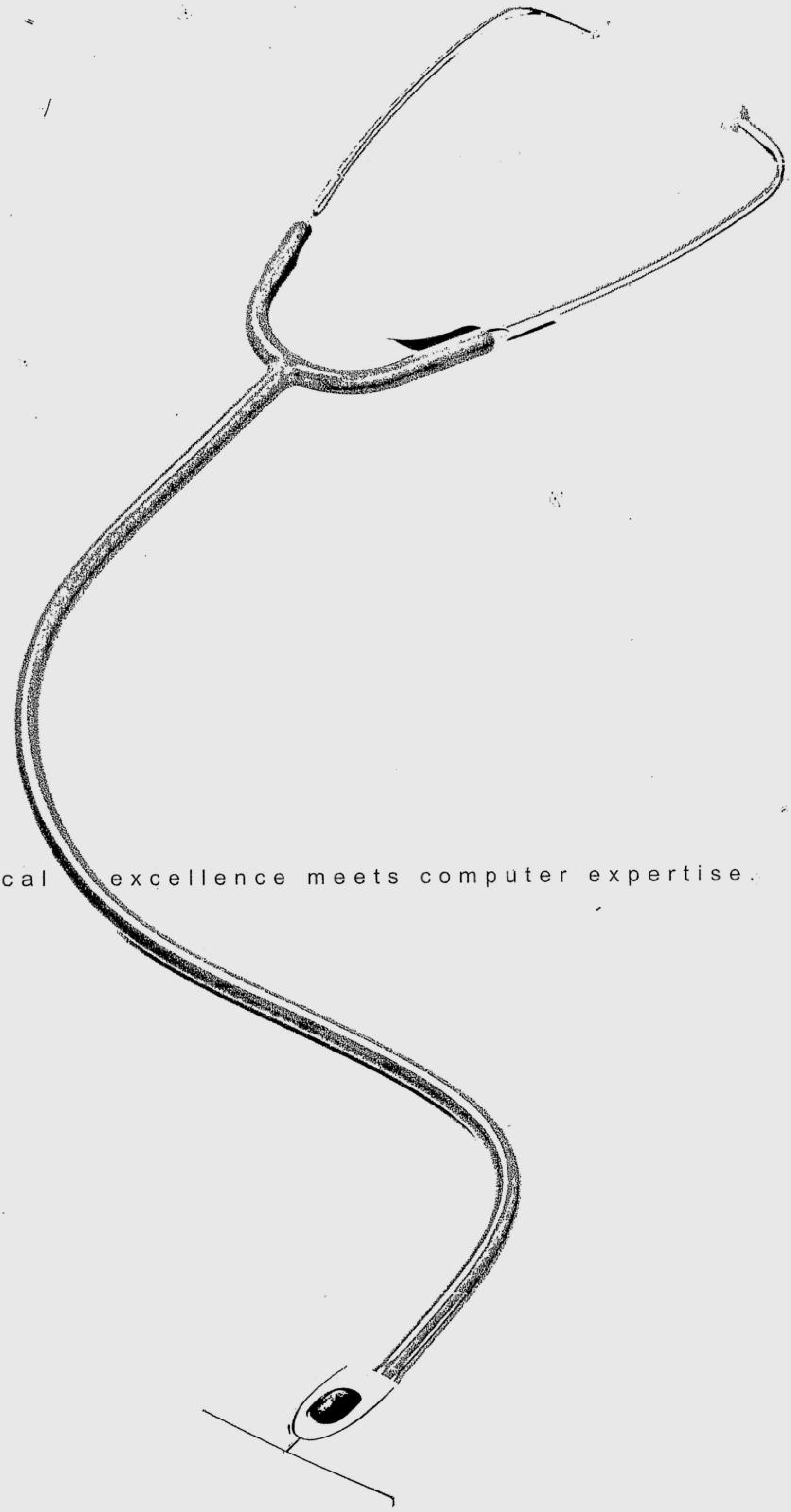
There are 17,500 US troops still serving in Afghanistan.

Tillman was selected by Arizona with the 226th pick of the 1998 football draft—the league only selects 241 players—but the Arizona State University star emerged from training camp as the Cardinals' starting strong safety on defense.

During his military training period after leaving the Cardinals, Tillman declined interviews with reporters and refused to take the spotlight.

"I am heartbroken today by the news of Pat Tillman's death," said US Sen. John McCain of Arizona, himself a combat veteran who spent years in a prison camp in Vietnam.

"But there is in Pat Tillman's example ... such an inspiration to all of us to reclaim the essential public-spiritedness of Americans that many of us, in low moments, had worried was no longer our common distinguishing trait," McCain said. *Reuters*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Released Japanese hostages hang heads in shame upon return

TOKYO -When three Japanese civilians taken hostage in Iraq returned home earlier this week, there were no well-wishers awaiting them. As they left the plane, the two volunteer aid workers and a freelance photojournalist hung their heads and kept silent.

Despite their safe release, it was a bleak homecoming. But it didn't end there.

The three—Noriaki Imai, 18, Nahoko Takato, 34, and photojournalist Soichiro Koriyama, 32—have been accused of rashly ignoring government warnings to stay away from Iraq. They were blamed for imperiling the Japanese military's humanitarian mission to Iraq. Afterward, the government said it would bill them US$6,000 for their flights and other expenses.

Since their arrival on Sunday, the three have been caught in a maelstrom of public criticism that has made them virtual prisoners in their own homes and raised questions about just how far the government should go to warn its citizens about traveling to combat zones.

On Friday, the head of a Japanese aid group said the backlash was overblown.

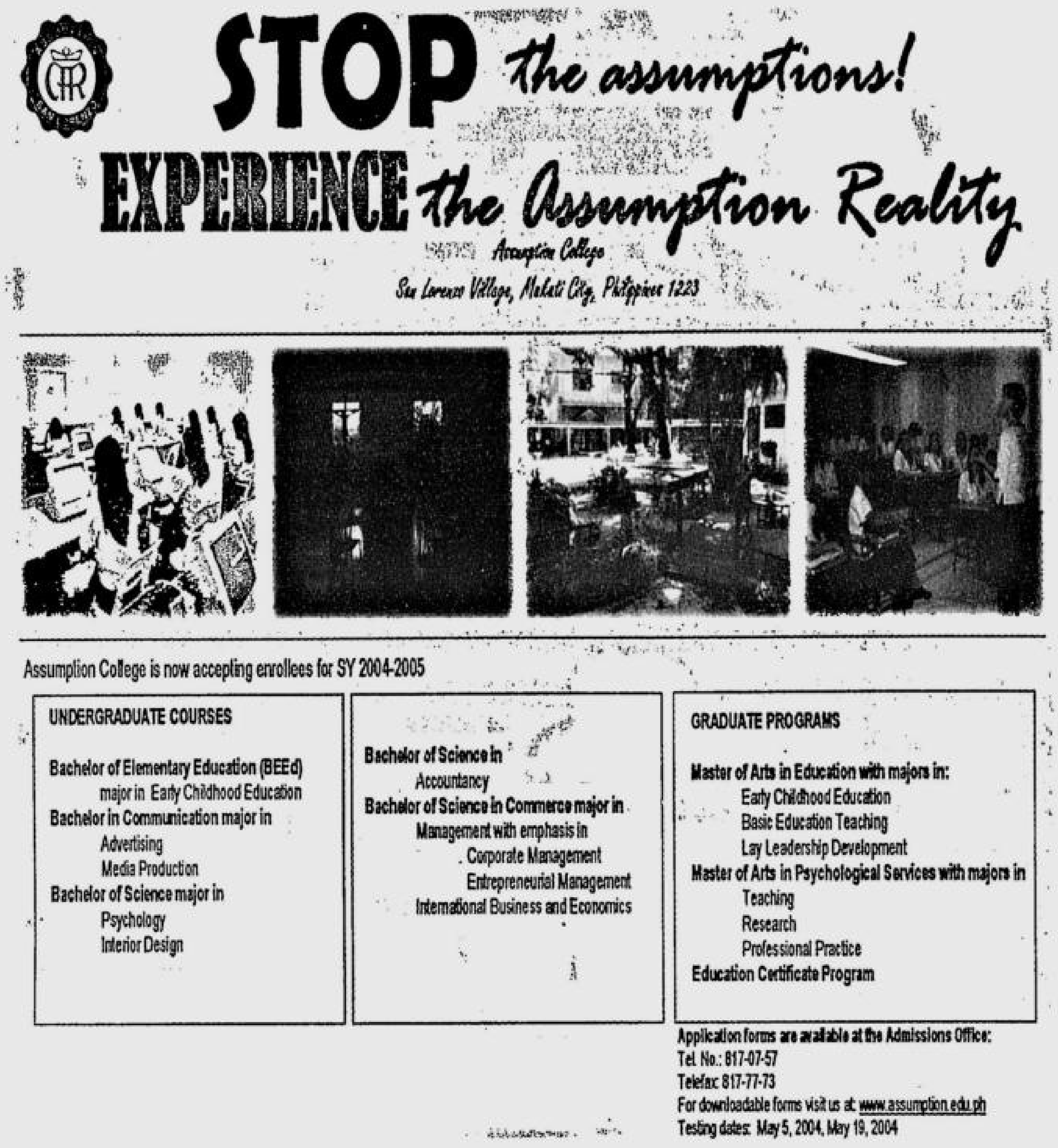
"The government has a duty to act if something happens to any of its citizens," said Michiya Kumaoka, president of the Japan International Volunteer Center, which supplied medicine to two children's hospitals in Baghdad until withdrawing its staff this month.

The national Asahi newspaper agreed.

"We cannot deny that the former hostages should have been better prepared," the liberal daily said in an editorial Thursday. "However, there is no way we could ever agree with any of the strident talk ... from members of the ruling coalition who are obviously taking an extreme position on what they think 'personal responsibility' is supposed to mean."

Still, for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, the hostage crisis could have been a political disaster.

The Japanese leader has pushed aggressively for the deployment of about 1,100 noncombat troops to support the US-led coalition in Iraq. About 550 ground forces are in southern Iraq purifying water and helping rebuild roads and schools. *AP*



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N. Korea train blast kills 154, says Xinhua

SEOUL/DANDONG, China—A catastrophic rail explosion in North Korea killed at least 154 people, including 76 students, China's Xinhua news agency said, quoting a senior rescue official.

Xinhua said more than 1,300 had been injured in Thursday's blast that flattened part of the town of Ryongchon near the Chinese border and sent debris flying for miles around.

North Korea on Saturday blamed carelessness for the explosion as international relief teams headed to the site and offers of aid flowed in response to fiercely independent Pyongyang's unprecedented appeal for help.

A brief North Korean state news agency report said the blast had occurred during the shunting of a train carrying chemical fertiliser and "tank wagons." It gave no casualty toll but described the damage as "very serious." British diplomats said on Friday North Korean officials had told them that several hundred people had been killed and thousands injured.

Xinhua quoted Korean official Jang Song-gun, in charge of rescue efforts at Ryongchon, as saying that at least 154 people had been confirmed dead.

"The blasts occurred...due to a short circuit when an electrical pole nearby was knocked down after an oil tanker collided with two carriages loaded with ammonium nitrate fertilizer during the shunting of wagons," Jang was quoted as saying.

At the Chinese border town of Dandong on Saturday, relatives of tourists on a group trip to North Korea waited anxiously for their return.

South Korean Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun announced immediate emergency aid of $1 million and said Seoul relief officials would meet North Korean counterparts on Monday at Panmunjom, the truce village set in the Demilitarised Zone between the two rival states.

For its part, China—the North's giant neighbor and closest ally—offered $1.2 million in emergency relief and President Hu Jintao telephoned North Korean leader Kim Jong-il with his condolences.

"The Chinese government decided to provide emergency aid materials to the DPRK (North Korea)," Xinhua said. "China's relevant authorities have made preparations for rescuing and treating the injured and providing other assistance." This assistance, to include medicine, medical equipment and tents, would be sent in a few days, the agency said.

The blast occurred just hours after a train carrying Kim Jong-il home from Beijing passed through Ryongchon. Kim had been talking with Chinese leaders about the protracted nuclear weapons crisis which has focused world attention on Pyongyang.

An intelligence source in South Korea said there was no hint of sabotage or of an attempt on Kim's life.

The United States, which bracketed North Korea with Iran and pre-war Iraq in an "axis of evil" and is the main protagonist in the standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear programme, said it was willing to help with the disaster relief.

A UN aid assessment team left Pyongyang on Saturday for the blast site.

"For the government to ask for assistance the day after an occurrence like that is very, very rapid," said Masood Hyder, the World Food Programme country coordinator for North Korea.

UN agencies and the Red Cross had begun forwarding aid as early as Thursday, he added. *Reuter*

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AN ACT PROMULGATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND A NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR ENSURING NEWBORN SCREENING

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the "Newborn Screening Act of 2004."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people, including the rights of children to survival and full and healthy development as normal individuals. In pursuit of such policy, the State shall institutionalize a national newborn screening system that is comprehensive, integrative and sustainable, and will facilitate collaboration among government and non-government agencies at the national and local levels, the private sector, families and communities, professional health organizations, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations. The National Newborn Screening System shall ensure that every baby born in the Philippines is offered the opportunity to undergo newborn screening and thus be spared from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation and death if undetected and untreated.

SEC. 3. *Objectives* – The objectives of the National Newborn Screening System are:

1) To ensure that every newborn has access to newborn screening for certain heritable conditions that can result in mental retardation, serious health complications or death if left undetected and untreated;

2) To establish and integrate a sustainable newborn screening system within the public health delivery system;

3) To ensure that all health practitioners are aware of the advantages of newborn screening and of their respective responsibilities in offering newborns the opportunity to undergo newborn screening; and

4) To ensure that parents recognize their responsibility in promoting their child's right to health and full development, within the context of responsible parenthood, by protecting their child from preventable causes of disability and death through newborn screening.

ARTICLE 2
DEFINITION OF TERMS

SEC. 4. *Definitions* – Under this Act, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively given to them below:

1) Comprehensive Newborn Screening System means a newborn screening system that includes, but is not limited to, education of relevant stakeholders; collection and biochemical screening of blood samples taken from newborns; tracking and confirmatory testing to ensure the accuracy of screening results; clinical evaluation and biochemical/medical confirmation of test results; drugs and medical/surgical management and dietary supplementation to address the heritable conditions; and evaluation activities to assess long term outcome, patient compliance and quality assurance.

2) Follow-up means the monitoring of a newborn with a heritable condition for the purpose of ensuring that the newborn patient complies fully with the medicine or dietary prescriptions.

3) Health Institutions mean hospitals, health infirmaries, health centers, lying-in centers or puericulture centers with obstetrical and pediatric services, whether public or private.

4) Healthcare practitioner means physicians, nurses, midwives, nursing aides and traditional birth attendants.

5) Heritable condition means any condition that can result in mental retardation, physical deformity or death if left undetected and untreated and which is usually inherited from the genes of either or both biological parents of the newborn.

6) NIH means the National Institute of Health.

7) Newborn means a child from the time of complete delivery to 30 days old.

8) Newborn Screening means the process of collecting a few drops of blood from the newborn onto an appropriate collection card and performing biochemical testing for determining if the newborn has a heritable condition.

9) Newborn Screening Centers means a facility equipped with a newborn screening laboratory that complies with the standards established by the NIH and provides all required laboratory tests and recall/follow-up programs for newborns with heritable conditions.

10) Newborn Screening Reference Center means the central facility at the NIH that defines testing and follow-up protocols, maintains an external laboratory proficiency testing program, oversees the national testing database and case registries, assists in training activities in all aspects of the program, oversees content of educational materials and acts as the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening.

11) Parent education means the various means of providing parents or legal guardians information about newborn screening.

12) Recall means a procedure for locating a newborn with a possible heritable condition for purposes of providing the newborn with appropriate laboratory testing to confirm the diagnosis and, as appropriate, provide treatment.

13) Treatment means the provision of prompt, appropriate and adequate medicine, medical and surgical management or dietary prescription to a newborn for purposes of treating or mitigating the adverse health consequences of the heritable condition.

ARTICLE 3
NEWBORN SCREENING

SEC. 5. *Obligation to Inform.* – Any health practitioner who delivers, or assists in the delivery, of a newborn in the Philippines shall, prior to delivery, inform the parents or legal guardian of the newborn of the availability, nature and benefits of newborn screening. Appropriate notification and education regarding this obligation shall be the responsibility of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 6. *Performance of Newborn Screening.* – Newborn screening shall be performed after twenty-four (24) hours of life but not later than three (3) days from complete delivery of the newborn. A newborn that must be placed in intensive care in order to ensure survival may be exempted from the 3-day requirement but must be tested by seven (7) days of age. It shall be the joint responsibility of the parent(s) and the practitioner or other person delivering the newborn to ensure that newborn screening is performed. An appropriate informational brochure for parents to assist in fulfilling this responsibility shall be made available by the Department of Health and shall be distributed to all health institutions and made available to any health practitioner requesting it for appropriate distribution.

SEC. 7. *Refusal to be Tested.* – A parent or legal guardian may refuse testing on the grounds of religious beliefs, but shall acknowledge in writing their understanding that refusal for testing places their newborn at risk for undiagnosed heritable conditions. A copy of this refusal documentation shall be made part of the newborn's medical record and refusal shall be indicated in the national newborn screening database.

SEC. 8. *Continuing Education, Re-education and Training of Health Personnel* – The DOH, with the assistance of the NIH and other government agencies, professional societies and non-government organizations, shall: (i) conduct continuing information, education, re-education and training programs for health personnel on the rationale, benefits, procedures of newborn screening; and (ii) disseminate information materials on newborn screening at least annually to all health personnel involved in maternal and pediatric care.

SEC. 9. *Licensing and Accreditation.* – The DOH and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) shall require health institutions to provide newborn screening services as a condition for licensure or accreditation.

ARTICLE 4
IMPLEMENTATION

SEC. 10. *Legal Agency* – The DOH shall be the lead agency in implementing this Act. For purposes of achieving the objectives of this Act, the DOH shall:

1) Establish the Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening;

2) Develop the implementing rules and regulations for the immediate implementation of a nationwide newborn screening program within one hundred eighty (180) days from the enactment of this Act;

3) Coordinate with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for implementation of the newborn screening program;

4) Coordinate with the NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center for the accreditation of Newborn Screening Centers and preparation of defined testing protocols and quality assurance programs.

SEC. 11. *Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening.* – To ensure sustained inter-agency collaboration, the Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening is hereby created and made an integral part of the Office of the Secretary of the DOH. The Committee shall review annually and recommend conditions to be included in the newborn screening panel of disorders; review and recommend the newborn screening fee to be charged by Newborn Screening Centers; review the report of the Newborn Screening Reference Center on the quality assurance of the Newborn Screening Centers and recommend corrective measures as deemed necessary.

The Committee shall be composed of eight (8) members, including the Secretary of Health who shall act as Chairperson. The other members of the Committee shall be as follows: (i) the Executive Director of the NIH, who shall act as Vice Chairperson; (ii) an Undersecretary of the DILG; (iii) the Executive Director of the Council for the Welfare of Children (iv) the Director of the Newborn Screening Reference Center; and (v) three (3) representatives appointed by the Secretary of Health who shall be a pediatrician, obstetrician, endocrinologist, family physician, nurse or midwife, from either the public or private sector. The three (3) representatives shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, subject to their being reappointed for additional three (3) year periods for each extension.

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The NIH shall serve as the Secretariat of the Committee.

SEC. 12. *Establishment and Accreditation of Newborn Screening Centers.* The DOH shall ensure that Newborn Screening Centers are strategically located in order to be accessible to the relevant public and provide services that comply with the standards approved by the Committee upon the recommendation of the NIH. No Newborn Screening Center shall be allowed to operate unless it has been duly accredited by the DOH based on the standards set forth by the Committee. At a minimum, every Newborn Screening Center shall: (i) have a certified laboratory performing all tests included in the newborn screening program, (ii) have a recall/follow up programs for infants found positive of any and all of the heritable conditions; (iii) be supervised and staffed by trained personnel who have been duly qualified by the NIH, and (iv) submit to periodic announced or unannounced inspections by the Reference Center in order to evaluate and ensure quality Newborn Screening Center performance.

SEC. 13. *Establishment of a Newborn Screening Reference Center.* – The NIH shall establish a Newborn Screening Reference Center, which shall be responsible for the national testing database and case registries, training, technical assistance and continuing education for laboratory staff in all Newborn Screening Centers.

SEC. 14. *Quality Assurance.* – The NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center shall be responsible for drafting and ensuring good laboratory practice standards for newborn screening centers, including establishing an external laboratory proficiency testing and certification program. It shall also act as the principal repository of technical information relating to newborn screening standards and practices, and shall provide technical assistance to newborn screening centers needing such assistance.

SEC. 15. *Database* – All Newborn Screening Centers shall coordinate with the NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center for consolidation of patient databases. The NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center shall maintain a national database of patients tested and a registry for each condition. It shall submit reports annually to the Committee and to the DOH on the status of and relevant health information derived from the database. A plan for long-term outcome evaluation of newborn screening utilizing the cases registries shall be developed within one (1) year of passage of this Act by the NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening. Implementation of this plan shall become a responsibility of the Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening.

SEC. 16. *Newborn Screening Fees.* – The PHIC shall include cost of newborn screening in its benefits package. The newborn screening fee shall be applied to, among others, testing costs, education, sample transport, follow-up and reasonable overhead expenses.

To ensure sustainability of the National System for Newborn Screening, the newborn screening fee shall be divided and set aside for the following purposes: at least four percent (4%) to the DOH's Centers for Health Development or its future equivalent to be spent solely for follow-up services, education and other activities directly related to the provision of newborn screening services; at least four percent (4%) to the Newborn Screening Centers for human resource development and equipment maintenance and upgrading; at least four percent (4%) to the NIH Newborn Screening Reference Center for overall supervision, training and continuing education, maintenance of national database, quality assurance program and monitoring of the national program, and the balance for the operational and other expenses of the Newborn Screening Center.

ARTICLE 5
FINAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All general and special laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 18. *Separability.* – If, for any reason or reasons, any part of provisions of this Act shall be declared or held to be unconstitutional or invalid other provision or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 19. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved:

JOSE DE VENECIA, JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Act which is consolidation of S. No. 2707 and H. No. 6625 was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on February 2, 2004 and February 5, 2004, respectively.

ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
Secretary General
House of Representatives

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: April 07, 2004.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY, INC.

41st Annual Convention

April 25-28, 2004 • Philippine International Convention Center, CCP Complex, Manila Philippines

Integrating the Subspecialties into Current Pediatric Practice

MESSAGES

Warmest felicitations to the Philippine Pediatric Society on your 41st Annual Convention.

Your dedication and efforts are crucial to our national agenda to win the war on poverty and build a better quality of life for all Filipinos. The theme, "Integrating the Subspecialties into Current Pediatric Practice," speaks well of your dynamism and commitment to improve our health and medical services. I encourage you to strengthen unity in your ranks and to be one with the government in forging and implementing the vital strategies we need to overcome our national and global medical challenges.

Our vigilance and cooperation made us prevent the spread of SARS. But the dangers of SARS and other diseases remain. We must therefore sustain our gains in medical preparedness and quality healthcare to protect our people. I am confident that with the leadership and professionalism of the Philippine Pediatric Society, we will achieve our goals and targets towards a healthy Filipino citizenry.

Let us strengthen our partnership in making quality medicines and medical services more affordable to our people.

Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Republic of the Philippines

Warm greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc. (PPSI) on the holding of its 41st Annual Convention entitled "Integrating the Subspecialties into Current Pediatric Practice".

I commend PPSI for being a potent partner of the government in nation building by providing quality health care services to our people. Your continued upgrading of competence among your members to make them more responsive to the health needs of the times shows your dedication and commitment to professional excellence.

May this event serve as an opportunity for the members to share expertise and experience with various colleagues to further improve their skills and competence in the delivery of health care services not only for our women and children but for all Filipinos.

Let us continue to remain strongly motivated in pursuing our goals as we remain working with renewed commitment.

Congratulations and mabuhay kayong lahat!

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, M.D., MSc.
Secretary of Health

With heartfelt sentiments, we extend best wishes, on behalf of the Officers and the Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, to the officers and members of the Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc., on the observance of its 41st Annual Convention.

The PMA happily joins the PPS in welcoming participants and delegates to this awesome gathering of some 5000 pediatricians, including family physicians and general practitioners from all over the country. Anchored on the theme, "Integrating the Subspecialties into Current Pediatric Practice," the convention is clearly aimed at the empowerment of all pediatric care providers as well as patients - victims of various pediatric maladies and disorders. With your responsiveness and dedication in raising the quality of child care in the country, the young of today shall have a greater assurance of a better tomorrow. With great optimism, let us all look forward to the positive results of this congress. This should be another landmark for the PPS.

Congratulations. Mabuhay ang Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc.

JOSE T. SANCHEZ, M.D.
President, Philippine Medical Association

We warmly greet and welcome all participants to the Annual PPS Convention. With preparations far advanced, and an excellent choice of organizers who are diligent and knowledgeable, all roads will lead to the Westin Plaza on April 25 to 28, 2004 for the PPS Convention. It is expected to be attended not only by about five thousand member pediatricians and pediatric health workers but also by all who are interested in the health and welfare of children.

The poster exhibits will surely be informative and worthwhile, the commercial exhibits will be attractive as "give-aways" are always worth having. The Business Lecturer is much awaited to hear to the encouraging achievements and the sound financial status of the Society, which evidently is the most stable among all societies in the country.

Most welcome of all is that the convention will give a delightful opportunity to meet old friends, classmates, mentors and experts in our specialty. Such close contact with local and international experts will encourage us to continue following up their work. Indeed there are very good reasons to attend yearly conventions. Hence, we will all be present at the Westin Plaza come April 28, 2004.

FE DEL MUNDO, M.D., MA.
Honorary President, PPS

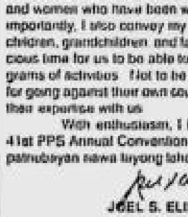
The Philippine Pediatric Society Inc. prides itself in providing innovative continuing medical education of the highest quality and standard. Through the years the PPS, Inc. has improved on the past record of successes of every annual convention. The yearly event is designed around the scientific and social programs, which had been carefully planned to help all the participants review and expand their knowledge, enhance their skills and techniques, and receive the most up-to-date information in general pediatrics, pediatric subspecialties, and related fields of discipline. The 41st Annual Convention shall prove to be a glowing testimony to the concerted efforts of the members of the Convention Organizing Committee in partnership with our corporate partners and friends to make the 2004 offering a must-attend-not-to-be-missed occasion.

The lead institution for the convention, the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine-Philippine General Hospital, University of the Philippines Manila, has ensured that this year's convention shall be a resounding success story built upon the strengths of the past. Dr. Herminia Lopez-Cifra, our 41st Annual Convention Overall Chair, has been outstandingly assisted by her Convention Overall Co-Chairs, Drs. Edgardo E. Ortiz and Alexander O. Tuazon. The Scientific Committee, ably chaired by Dr. Carmencita David-Padilla and co-chaired by Drs. Susana Padilla-Campos and Ma. Luisa U. Peralta, has prepared the scientific programs to serve as fora for exchange of ideas, knowledge, and skills among the delegates and speakers. Completing the cast are the chairs, co-chairs and members of the different convention standing committees who have contributed so kindly to make everyone's attendance in this year's convention well worth the time. The exciting social event dubbed as "WOW PPS" will indeed display the festivities from the different regions of the Philippines to be performed by our member-pediatricians from all over the country.

As the President of the Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc., I extend my sincerest gratitude to our corporate friends and partners for not only the extraordinarily generous help you have given, but more so, for the lasting relationship you have nurtured. I also would like to recognize the contributions of the unsung heroes of the convention, the men and women who have been working so hard behind the scenes. Most importantly, I also convey my heartfelt thanks to our wives, husbands, children, grandchildren and families from whom we borrowed very precious time for us to be able to devote quality time to our Society's programs of activities. Not to be forgotten are our foreign guest speakers for going against their own countries' adverse travel advisories to share their expertise with us.

With enthusiasm, I look forward to meeting you during the 41st PPS Annual Convention come April 25 to 28, 2004. Mabuhay at patnubayan nawa tayong lahat ng Panginoon!

JOEL S. ELISES, M.D.
President, Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc.



In behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 41st Annual Convention, I welcome you with great pride and pleasure.

This entire year, you have been the center of our individual and collective efforts. Addressing your queries by studying the past, seeing the present and predicting the future, preoccupied us to create a program which is quite different from that of the previous year. The group, with the Board of Directors and the subspecialties, myself with great fervor, meet the challenge of "Integrating the Subspecialties into Pediatrics Practice."

As we trace subspecialties from birth to current state, we are awed by their great development and determination to apply the expertise to patients in the proper context, at the proper time.

It is therefore a most wonderful task for all of us to work towards united effort - the provision of best quality patient care.

Informing, coordinating and cooperating with colleagues within Pediatrics is our ultimate achievement with this convention. As we are doing the task, let us also enjoy the ambiance, the camaraderie and all the personal and usual benefits that the convention has to offer.

HERMINIA LOPEZ-CIFRA, M.D.
Overall Annual Convention Chair

Keynote Speaker

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, M.D., MSc.
Secretary of Health

Outstanding Pediatrician

MARY N. CHUA, M.D.

Foreign Speakers

SUSAN S. CHIU, M.D.

JOHN S. TAM, PhD.

ENRIQUE OSTREA, JR., M.D.

JOHN B. CHRISTODOULOU, MBBS, PhD.

CHRISTOPHER MARK TAYLOR, M.D.

MARGARET MACGILLIVRAY, M.D.

KATHLEEN M. NEUZIL, M.D.

PROGRAM

APRIL 25, SUNDAY

7:00 AM-2:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8:00 -11:00 AM	PRECONVENTION POST- GRADUATE COURSES **Screening for Developmental Disorders** • Philippine Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics Panay/Leyte/Samar Rooms, Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel **Advanced Vaccinology: Vaccine Safety and Adverse Effects Following Immunization** • Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines & the Philippine Foundation for Vaccinology Mindanao Room, Westin Philippine Plaza **Practical Electrocardiogram and Chest X-Ray Interpretation** • Philippine Society of Pediatric Cardiology Mindanao/Davao/Sulu Rooms Westin Phil. Plaza **Gut Busters: Who Are You Going to Call?** • Philippine Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition and the Philippine Society of Pediatric Surgeons Visayas Room, Westin Philippine Plaza
1:00-4:00 PM	QUIZ SHOW ELIMINATIONS Davao Room, Westin Philippine Plaza
4:00-5:00 PM	EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION Romblon/Mindoro Rooms, Westin Philippine Plaza
5:00-6:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES Grand Plaza Ballroom, Westin Philippine Plaza
6:00-8:00 PM	DINNER Grand Plaza Ballroom, Westin Philippine Plaza
8.00-10:00 PM	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT Grand Plaza Ballroom, Westin Philippine Plaza

APRIL 26, MONDAY

8:00 AM- 3:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8.00-9:00 AM	OPENING OF EXHIBITS MR 6 PICC
9:00- 11:30 AM	PLENARY SESSIONS Plenary Hall, Philippine International Convention Center
9:00-9:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION I **The Human Genome Project: Promises and Problems in Pediatric Practice** *John B. Christodoulou, MBBS, PhD (Australia)* Chair: Carmencita Padilla, MD
9:45-10.30 AM	PLENARY SESSION II **Preventive Endocrinology: Intervention Prior to Inception** *Margaret MacGillivray, MD (USA)* Chair: Susana Padilla-Campos, MD
10:45-11:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION III **Longevity Issues for the Physician** *Shelley Ann dela Vega, MD* Chair: Felicitas S. Aguila, MD
12:00-2:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIA **Optimizing Children's "EYE Q" Development Thru Nutrition (Abbott)** *Speaker: Ermenilda L. Avendaño, MD* MR 2/3 PICC **Innovative Changes in Childhood Immunization (Aventis Pasteur)** *Speakers: Joselito D. Sta. Ana, MD, Salvacion R. Gatchalian, MD; May B. Montellano, MD* MR 12 PICC **Immunology of Atopic Dermatitis (Novartis Health Care)** *Speaker: Ma. Eleanor Nicolas, MD* MR 11 PICC **Nourishing the Gift (Wyeth)** *Speaker: Elizabeth Ventura, PhD* MR 5 PICC **Food Allergy & Oral Tolerance (Nestle)** *Speakers: Agnes G. Andaya, MD, Ma. Stella G. Paspe, MD* Visayas Room, Westin Philippine Plaza **PPD Revisited (Pediatrica)** *Speaker: Cleotilde How, MD* Luzon Room, Westin Philippine Plaza **Updates in Diagnosis and Treatment of Allergic Rhinosinusitis in Children (Unilab Consumer Health)** *Speakers: Madeleine W. Sumpaico, MD, Gretchen Navarro-Locsin, MD, Anna Ong Lim, MD; Marysia Stella Recto, MD* Mindanao Room, Westin Philippine Plaza **Current Management of Viral-induced Asthma (Merck Sharpe & Dome)** *Speaker: Colin Robertson, MD* MR 14 PICC **Issues and Concerns on:** **A. Unknown Ingredients of Common Drugs** *Speaker: Genesis C. Rivera, MD* **B. Diagnosis and Treatment of Childhood TB (Natrapharm)** *Speaker: Cesar M. Ong, MD* Leyte Room / Samar Room, Westin Philippine Plaza
2:00- 5:45 PM	SIMULTANEOUS SYMPOSIA Philippine International Convention Center
2:00-3:15 PM	SYMPOSIUM I - MR 2/3 **Jaundice: When Is Sunlight Not Enough?** *Willie N. Lagdameo, MD (Pediatric Surgery)* *Ma. Liza M. Gonzales, MD (Infectious Diseases)* *Germana V. Gregorio, MD (Gastroenterology)* Chair: Marilyn M. Padre, MD Co-Chair: Emilio A. Hernandez, Jr. MD SYMPOSIUM II - MR 5 **Clues to Identification of Learning Problems** *Ermenilda L. Avendaño, MD (Neurology)* *Ma. Theresa A. Lim, MD (Developmental Pediatrics)* *Dina Ocampo, PhD (Education)* Chair: Kathryn Lagunilla, MD Co-Chair: Rita Paz A. de Guzman, MD SYMPOSIUM III - MR 10 **Fainting or Fits** *Benilda C. Sanchez, MD (Neurology)* *Magdalena J. Lagamayo, MD (Cardiology)* *Gretchen Navarro-Locsin, MD (Otorhinolaryngology)* Chair: Rodolfo C. Ng, MD Co-Chair: Vincent R. Aluquin, MD SYMPOSIUM IV - MR 11 **FUO: Are We Missing the Iceberg?** *Leonila D. Dans, MD (Rheumatology)* *Ma. Beatriz P. Gepte, MD (Hematology-Oncology)* *Gyneth Lourdes G. Bibera, MD (Infectious Diseases)* Chair: Diane Nandwani, MD Co-Chair: Ma. Louisa Peralta, MD SYMPOSIUM V - MR 12 **Handheld Computing III: Converging Cellular Technology with the Handheld Computer** *Jacinto Blas Mantaring III, MD* Facilitators: Bibiano D. Reyes Jr., MD, Gyneth Lourdes G. Bibera, MD, Judith Fatima E. Garcia, MD, Edilberto B. Garcia Jr., MD, Rosauro M. Gonzales, MD SYMPOSIUM VI - MR 14 **Lung Injury** *Miguel T. Javier, MD (Pulmonology)* *Mary Therese M. Leopando, MD (Pulmonology)* *Ramon Diaz, MD (Thoracic Surgery)* Chair: Miguel L. Noche, MD Co-Chair: Dovino R. Garcia, MD
2:00-4:00 PM	INTER-HOSPITAL RESEARCH CONTEST AND QUIZ SHOW(FINAL ROUND) MR 4 PICC
3:15-4:30 PM	SYMPOSIUM VII - MR 2/3 **Challenges of Organ Transplantation in Developing Countries** *Enrique T. Ona, MD (Surgery)* *Christopher Mark Taylor, MD (Nephrology, UK)* Chair: Sonia G. Rosario, MD Co-Chair: Myrna B. Rosel, MD SYMPOSIUM VIII - MR 5 **Research Awards Paper Presentation** **The Effect of Dosing Interval on the Pharmacokinetics of Rifampicin Suspension in Combination With Isoniazid and Pyrazinamide in Children** *Ma. Jewellie Perez, MD* **Screening in Newborns and High Risk Infants for Hearing Impairments and Identification of its Risk Factors** *Maria Carmela Banzon, MD* **The Efficacy of Shotblocker™ Application in Reducing Vaccination Pain Using the Modified Behavioral Pain Scale Among Newborns in a Tertiary Hospital Given the First Dose of Hepatitis B Vaccine Intramuscularly** *Rowena Aman, MD* **The Efficacy of Dibencozide in Appetite Improvement Among Children** *Celeste Africa-Jobog, MD* **Iron With Vitamin A and Iron Alone in the Treatment of Iron Deficiency Anemia** *Michelle Tablada, MD* **The Developmental Quotients in the Four Compartments of Cognitive Skills in School-aged Children With and Without Intestinal Parasitism** *Rowena Fabonan, MD* SYMPOSIUM IX - MR 10 **Free Paper (Oral) Presentation** **A Study on the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Parents of Primary School Children on Nocturnal Enuresis in Cebu City** *Ellen Cabrera, MD* **Mutations of the Steroid 21-Hydroxylase Gene Among Filipino Patients With Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia** *Eva Maria Cutiongco, MD* **A Double-Blind, Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial on the Effect of Antepartal Administration of Malunggay *Moringa oleifera* on the Infant Indicators of Effective Breastmilk Transfer in the Immediate Postpartum Period** *Leo Ernestine Camarillo MD* **Clinical Correlation of Neonatal and Maternal Hematologic Parameters as Predictors of Neonatal Sepsis** *Willa Antonette Mayuga, MD* **Comparison of the Random Blood Sugar Levels Between Non-warmed and Warmed Heel Prick Technique Among Normothermic Neonates Admitted in a Tertiary Referral Center** *Emmanuel Ulac, MD* **The Effect of Zinc Supplementation on the Incidence and Duration of Diarrhea in Scholl-aged Children: A Double-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial** *Ernestine Ygan, MD* **Developmental Screening of Infants Aged 9 to 24 months Residing in Paco, Manila Using the Filipino-Translated Denver Pre-Screening Developmental Questionnaire II (DPDQ II) and Denver Developmental Screening Test II (DDST II) as Screening Tools** *Einstein Yu, MD* SYMPOSIUM X - MR 11 **Free Paper (Oral) Presentation** **Comparison of Failure of Extubation From Low Rate Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation Versus Extubation From Endotracheal Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Among Preterm Neonates Weighing Between 1000 and 2000 Grams** *Dennis James Absin, MD* **Comparison of the Efficacy of Facemask and Mouthpiece In Aerosol Therapy in Children With Asthma in Acute Exacerbation** *Marloss Chua, MD* **Non-Surgical Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus Using the Amplatzer Among Filipinos** *Jonas Del Rosario, MD* **Detection of Inborn Errors of Metabolism: A Two-Year Experience of the Institute of Human Genetics** *Joy Yaptio-Lee, MD* **The Effect of Short Course Corticosteroid Therapy in Asthma Exacerbation Precipitated by Viral Respiratory Tract Infection** *Georgette Mahido, MD* **Reversibility of Severe Pulmonary Hypertension Among Pediatric Patients With Left-Right Shunts Using Milrinone- A Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Interventional Trial** *Sheldon Principe Paragas, MD* **The Effect of Dibencozide on Under Five Children With Poor Weight Gain: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial** *Maria Lourdes Trajano, MD* SYMPOSIUM XI - MR 12 **Life Outside of Pediatrics: Investment Opportunities for Pediatricians** *Arturo C. Ludan, MD (Physician Entrepreneur)* *Emma A. Yuhico (Finance)* *Teresita O. Salonga (Finance)* Chair: Renia M. Maguinsay, MD Co-Chair: Miguel F. Celdran, MD SYMPOSIUM XII - MR 14 **Hospice and Palliative Care in Children** *Ma. Victoria Abesamis, MD (Hematology-Oncology)* *Ma. Fatima Garcia (Child Psychology)* Chair: Pacita Lopez, MD Co-Chair: Amy Dy, MD
4:30-5:45 PM	SYMPOSIUM XIII - MR 2/3 **Radiation Hazards in Your Daily Life** *Ma. Victoria Dizon, MD (Dermatology)* *Ramon Santos Ocampo, MD (Radiology)* *Florida Tan, MD (Perinatology)* Chair: Ernesto R. Delos Reyes, MD Co-Chair: Catherine T. Lynn Silao, MD SYMPOSIUM XIV - MR 5 **Brain and Nutrition: The Impact of Nutrition on the Developing Brain** *Randy P. Urtula, MD (Gastroenterology)* *Ignacio V. Rivera, MD (Neurology)* Chair: Jeisela B. Gaerlan, MD Co-Chair: Aida M. Salonga, MD SYMPOSIUM XV - MR 10 **Designer Drugs** *Mary Agnes B. Teotico, MD (Adolescent Pediatrics)* *Nerissa M. Dando, MD (Toxicology)* Chair: Julita D. Debuque, MD Co-Chair: Alicia B. Tamesis, MD SYMPOSIUM XVI - MR 11 **Pitfalls in Antibiotics Prescriptions (Interactive Session)** *Celia C. Carlos, MD (Infectious Diseases)* *Jaime A. Santos, MD (Infectious Diseases)* SYMPOSIUM XVII - MR 12 **Wellness of Professionals** *Doris Manebel Camagay, MD (Geriatrics)* *Jose Alvin Mojica, MD (Rehabilitation Medicine)* *Virgilio Novero Jr., MD (Obstetrics-Gynecology)* Chair: Ramon Najarro, MD Co-Chair: Salvacion Gatchalian, MD SYMPOSIUM XVIII - MR 14 **Pre-hospital Transport and Emergency Room Management of Pediatric Trauma Cases** *Alfredo Acosta, MD (Pediatric Surgery)* *Alvin Florentino, MD (Pediatric Intensive Care)* *Cynthia Cuayo-Juico, MD (General Pediatrics)* Chair: Florentina Ty, MD Co-chair: Josefina Almonte, MD

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APRIL 27, TUESDAY

8:00 AM-1:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8:00AM- 3:00 PM	PPS ELECTIONS MR 14 PICC
8:15 AM- 12:00 NN	PLENARY SESSIONS Plenary Hall, Philippine International Convention Center
8:00-9:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION IV **Influenza Vaccine for the Pediatric Population** *Susan Chiu, MD (Hong Kong)* *Kathleen Neuzil, MD(USA)* Chair: John Tam, PhD
9:15-10:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION V **Current Issues and Controversies in Complementary and Alternative Medicine** *Jaime Galvez Tan, MD* *Benjamin Co, MD* Chair: Arturo Ludan, MD
0:15-11:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION VI **Fetal Exposure to Environmental Toxins and Infant Outcomes** *Enrique Ostrea, Jr, MD (USA)* Chair: Hermogenes Purugganan, MD
11:00-12:00 NN	PLENARY SESSION VII **Medico-legal and Bioethical Issues in Pediatrics** *Mary Jean Guno, MD* *Antonio Alejandro Rebosa, MD, LL B* *Manuel Perez, MD, SJ* Chair: Ma. Louisa Peralta, MD
12:00-2:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIA **Mechanisms of Action of LCPUFA: Effects on Infant Growth and Neurodevelopment (Mead Johnson)** *Speaker: Felizardo Gatcheco, MD* MR 5 PICC **Unusual Clinical Presentations of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (Unilab Consumer Health)** *Speaker: Rolando Songco, MD* MR 11 PICC **Global Trends & Innovative Solutions for Safe Drinking Water (Antech)** *Speaker: Samuel Bernal, MD, PhD* MR 12 PICC **FITS-Feeding of Infants and Toddler Study (Novartis Gerber)** *Speaker: Paula Ziegler, PhD, RD* MR 2/3 PICC **Enteral Nutrition for the Little Ones (Nestle)** *Speaker: Grace Yu, MD* Visayas Room, Westin Philippine Plaza **Updates in URTI from a General Pediatrician's Point of View (Westmont)** *Speaker: Cynthia Cuayo-Juico, MD* Luzon Room, Philippine Plaza **Chemical Contaminants in Water: Adverse Health Effects for Infants and Children (Wilkins)** *Speaker: Nerissa Dando, MD* Mindanao Room, Westin Philippine Plaza
2:00-4:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING (PPS MEMBERS ONLY) Plenary Hall, PICC
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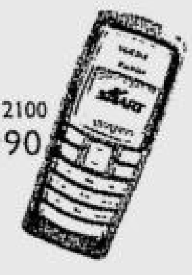

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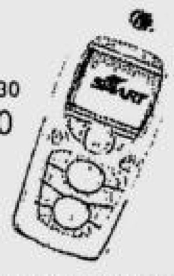

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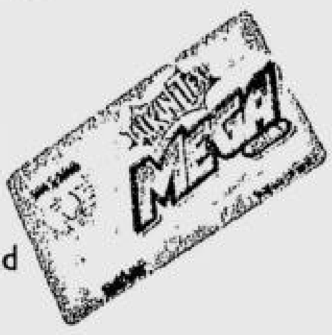

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Sick joke

EDITORIAL

THE PEOPLE Power virus is pernicious. Disgruntled political groups are planning a huge rally at Edsa on May 1 to protest against the alleged "illegal" use of public funds by President Macapagal-Arroyo to ensure her election.

Rally organizers seek to mobilize a mammoth demonstration on the scale of Edsa II that deposed President Joseph Estrada in January 2001. This rally is ridiculous because it aims to stage a fourth reincarnation of People Power which was first unleashed in February 1986 to overthrow the Marcos dictatorship.

The organizers are recruiting from the disparate ranks of a pompous "multilateral alliance," composed of main political parties, party-list groups and civil society organizations. These groups share something in common. Most of them hold long-running grievances against the administration. They have waged a relentless battering campaign against this government during the past three years, including a rebellion and legislative gridlocks, to undermine its capacity to govern effectively. Since this protest movement is fueled by nothing more fundamental than the deployment by the President of the advantages of incumbency for political gain, the rally is a gang-up on a President they have loved to hate.

If, indeed, the use of presidential resources for electioneering is "illegal," Edsa is the wrong venue to raise it. The issue belongs to the courts. With the election less than two weeks away, another people power demonstration is an anachronism. People power is a wrong choice of weapon to end a detested presidency. Whether Ms Macapagal is worthy of an electoral mandate by her own right is now for the voters to decide in a normal democratic process. People power is an extra-electoral method of throwing out a government. It was an exciting exercise the first time around. Its novelty has worn off. It has become a boorish habit that reduces political change to mob rule. Thus, this planned rally is no less than another manifestation of rule by the rabble.

The planned rally takes place on May 1, recalling the Edsa III mob attack on Malacañang by Edsa partisans incited to rebellion over the arrest of ousted President Estrada. Another Edsa and a repetition of May 1, 2001 are a comical parody of People Power. It is pathetic that the rally organizers cannot bring up a fresh issue against the administration other than use of presidential resources for political gain. Every elected president of this republic has availed of the advantages of incumbency. It would be utterly foolish, stupid and hypocritical for any incumbent not to use these advantages. The selection of this issue for a pre-election rally—probably the last large one before May 10—reveals two things: first, the President's opponents have run out of issues to avert her election; second, the gang-up is a tacit admission that the President is the person to beat not with new ideas but with another bout of flogging.

This administration's opponents have thrown all sorts of dirt at it, including the kitchen sink. The planned rally cannot even be considered a "*miting de avance*," similar to the climactic *mitings* at Plaza Miranda. Those meetings were the last opportunity for contending national candidates to present themselves and their platforms to the people, allowing voters to decide whether they have something better to offer. The coalesced multisectoral mass action doesn't intend to present alternative programs. Their rally is just a continuation of a bashing dignified as another people power manifestation.

It is doubtful whether mass mobilization can be staged on the back of exhausted issues. The organizers are showing election battle fatigue. Two of their star attractions—Fernando Poe Jr., who has no platform, and Sen. Panfilo Lacson—have made excuses not to attend. Their other star performer, Raul Roco, is a sick man. This rally is a sick joke.

Audacious Blair?

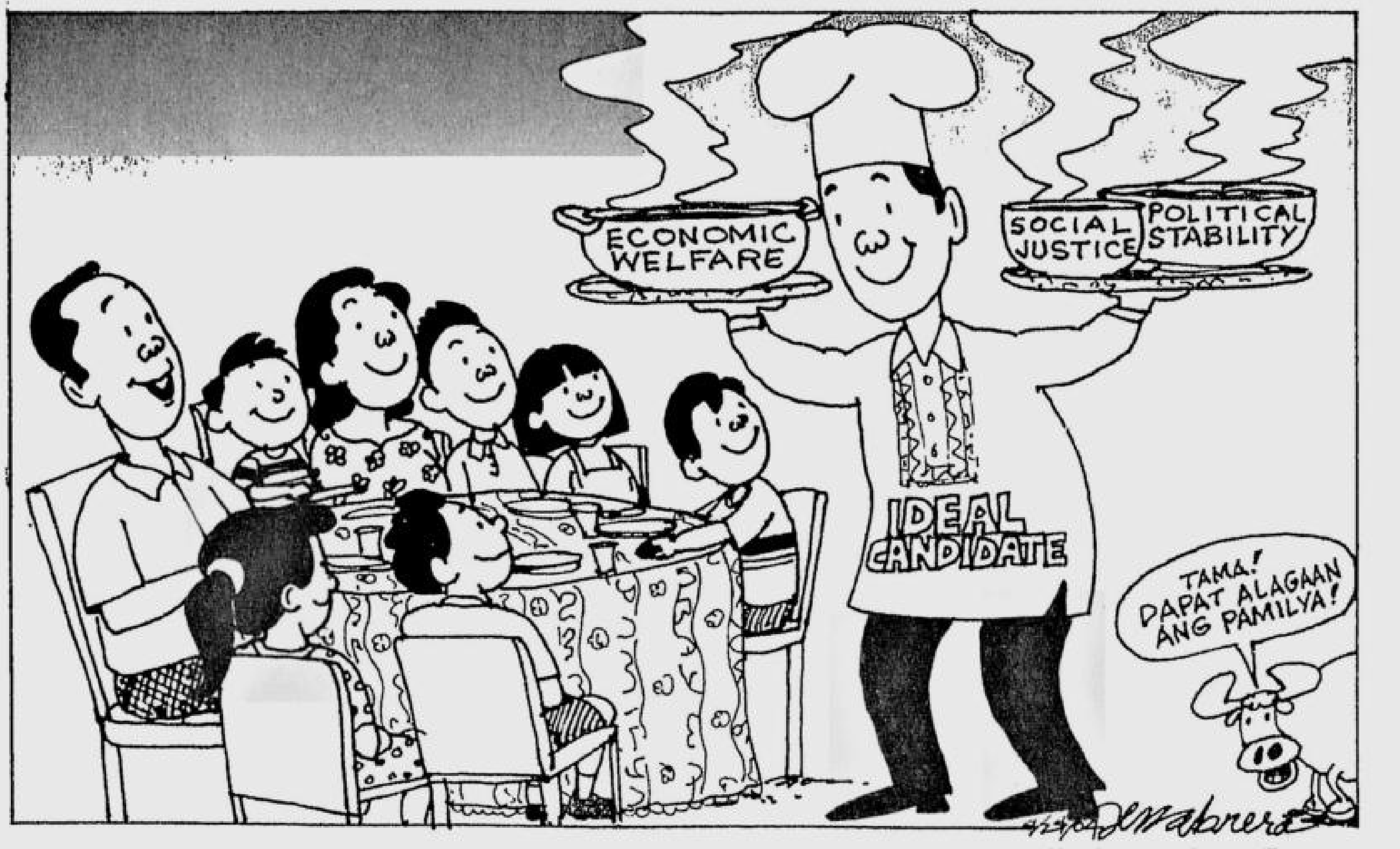
FOREIGN COMMENT

IS Tony Blair a courageous man and an audacious prime minister? On first impression, his decision does not lack in panache. This interpretation is, however, too simple to be true.

His objective is the following: To defuse the referendum debate called for by conservative opposition before the European elections, prepare for reelection to Downing Street in 2005, many think it already given, and only after, organize a vote on the European charter.

Firstly, this will relaunch a polemic in each of the 25 countries concerned about methods to adopt the Constitution.

Another consequence: Blair's initiative will complicate and delay the construction of Europe even longer. The Spanish stumbling block having been removed since Jose Maria Aznar's departure, the obstacle now comes from the other side of the channel. *Le Figaro (Paris)*



Expensive but cheap

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

WITH HER present campaign, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has cheapened the Office of the President more than all her predecessors put together, including Erap.

Erap was a *canto* boy and did not pretend otherwise. He gambled, he drank, he womanized, but he did not publicize his vices. There was a restraint in his misdeeds that showed a measure of respect for the public sensitivities. He would have kept his indiscretions private had not the media made them public.

Remember the gambling and drinking sessions with his cronies until the early morning hours that Aprodicio Lacquian innocently exposed? That expert from Canada was summarily fired by the irate Erap. Erap wanted to preserve his clean public image that was recklessly revealed to his discomfiture. His stable of *queridas* was his private affair too, but the media also felt that the public had a right to know about them.

His alleged plunder of public funds was, of course, another matter. It was a proper subject of the impeachment proceedings and now of the criminal case against him before the Sandiganbayan. Erap cannot claim invasion of his privacy because of the official inquiry into his claimed looting of the public treasury.

Gloria is a different character. She is pretending to be a public official while campaigning as a private individual. She is using the resources of the government as President of the Philippines while touring the country and appealing for her election. Her supposedly official peregrinations are expensive but cheap.

There are now complaints against her for using government funds and property for alleged inspection trips all over the country. The charge is that they are actually private campaign sorties to boost her candidacy for President of the Philippines in her own right. If true, this abuse must be running into hundreds of millions of pesos of public funds.

She has been distributing PhilHealth cards and other government benefits to persons not entitled to them in an obvious effort to win their support. This is a clear violation of the prohibition against vote-buying. This offense is ground for disqualification of any erring candidate and is punishable even before the election.

Government agencies in the executive department, over which she has control under the Constitution, are running full-page advertisements trumpeting their accomplishments and crediting them to her. Among these are the GSIS, the Pag-Ibig Fund, the Philippine Tourism Authority, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and the Department of Labor and Employment. Television and radio commercials praising her and urging her election next May are also being paid for with public funds.

It is also charged that the Department of Public Works and Highways has ordered uniforms for street sweepers at a cost of P1.3 billion with the words "Programang pangtrabajo ni Pangulong Gloria." This is also for the obvious purpose of pushing her candidacy at tremendous public expense.

While taking advantage of her position as President of the Philippines, La Gloria also wants to project her image as an ordinary private person. In doing so, she has diminished the high office she occupies and reduced it to an ordinary position shorn of its high traditions and rich, if at times, shoddy history.

As long as she was keeping her sworn promise not to run for President of the Philippines this year, La Gloria comported herself in a manner befitting the dignity of the highest office in the land. Then she reneged on that commitment and Malacañang again became merely the campaign headquarters of Candidate Gloria.

And so it's back to the old political tactics and all the petty *pakulo* that has dissociated her from her elegant persona as President of the Philippines. She is again wearing ethnic costumes and joining tribal dances. She is again eating with her fingers to prove that she is one with the rural folk and kissing their babies as if she was their *lola*.

Except for Erap, I do not recall any past president who imitated the primitive ways of the indigenous people just to show he was mingling with them (*marunong makisama*). President Cory Aquino, unless I am mistaken, never wore Mangyan attire or undulated to Maranaw gongs as long as she was resident in Malacañang. President Quezon ventured into a watery rice field but he wore boots for his health, causing some people to mock him for his daintiness. All our previous presidents, as far I can remember, never forgot their high office just to woo the people's votes.

President Macapagal is different. She does not have as high a regard as her predecessors had for the office entrusted to them by the electorate. Her immediate objective is victory in May, and her strategy is first things first. She must be thinking that there will be time enough to render Malacañang the honor and respect it deserves as the palace of the people, but only after the elections. If she wins.

Public servants

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a young man coming out from a church service one day. The pastor pulled him aside and said, "Young man, you need to join the army of the Lord!" The young man answered, "I'm already in the army of the Lord, pastor." "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and at Easter?" the pastor asked. "I'm in the Secret Service," he whispered in reply.

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 21, 1-19), Jesus, the Risen Lord, commissions Peter to public service. His mandate is clear: to look after His sheep, and to feed them. Jesus spells out the essence of public service, which is sacrifice and commitment borne out of love for God. As we prepare ourselves for the coming elections, we must choose true public servants, true shepherds, and not scheming and greedy wolves who are out to devour us. We must choose leaders who have a sense of sacrifice, a commitment for the common good, a love for God and for His people.

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If we are to go by qualifications, the disciples of Jesus would hardly qualify to serve in His army. By worldly standards, they were simple, unintelligent, rough and uncultured people who only knew how to fish. Neither did they have the experience of management or governance needed to carry out the mandate of spreading the good news. Furthermore, they were all dropouts who failed in the final hour when their Master was arrested. Qualified? No. Worthy? No. And yet Jesus chose them. And they changed the world. And they served God's people well. Why? Because they had a heart for God, and a heart for His people.

Without the heart, there can never be true public service. This is not to belittle the mind. Definitely we need public servants with intelligence. But public servants without a heart, without commitment and sacrifice? Forget it. They will just rob us, and use us, and manipulate us. And all in the name of public service!

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Have you noticed the sudden and continuous "feeding" of our people these days? With the elections coming, our people are all of a sudden being fed with jobs, projects, services, entertainment and pleasantries. This is not the kind of feeding the Lord is asking of public servants. This kind of feeding is self-serving and temporary. We need public servants who, in Jesus' words, will look after the sheep, and who will stretch out their hands and allow themselves to be led.

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Who is really looking after the good of the people? We need a few good men and women who have a heart for the people, and we can get this nation moving. Let us pray that someday, soon, we will have public servants who have the public good, and not their personal agenda uppermost in their hearts and minds. The problem is that even if such people exist, they will hardly make it given our present-day politics of guns, goons and gold. And if they do make it, many of them will soon be eaten up by the system. If they are too tough to be eaten up, sooner or later, they will be cast out; and if that is not enough, they will be eliminated all together. The picture, I'm afraid, is not very bright. Neither were the pictures on the first 100 Easter nights.

But the disciples persisted. Slowly, with much pain, persecution and sacrifice, and yes, even death, the disciples were able to make a difference in this world.

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A public servant must have a secret life, a secret life with the Lord, that is. A public servant who is not in tune and not in contact with the Divine—will soon go out of tune and out of contact. One who truly listens to God will not end up abusing, stealing and deceiving.

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By the way, a lot of sins have been made "in the name of public service." Also, "in the name of God." Public servants should not use God, and the name of God in vain.

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Going over the Gospel today, I was struck by Jesus' thoughtfulness for His disciples. He made the fire for them. But He also asked them to bring in the fish. Perhaps that's what public service is all about: a partnership with the Lord to work for His people. A true public servant then is one who says: "Lord, I am doing this work FOR YOU, WITH YOU and THROUGH YOU." Amen.

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Inviting you to join the Walk with God to Manaoag this May 1, starting at the Urdaneta Church at 6 a.m. Let us do this three-hour walk ending with a Mass at 11 a.m. at the Manaoag Shrine to thank God for all our blessings, and to present to the Lord our intentions, especially for clean and honest elections, and for the Filipinos to have good and effective leaders in our land. We are confident that the Blessed Mother will help us, as she has always done in the past. See you there!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, give us public servants who do their work FOR YOU, WITH YOU and THROUGH YOU. Amen.

One king-size bed, one bathtub coming up!

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

TOMORROW, the commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Willy Parayno, marks his 56th birthday. If Willy had stayed on in the military service, tomorrow would also be his retirement date. Most of Class 1970 of the Philippine Military Academy, to which Parayno belongs, have already left the service. But I pulled him out of a career in the Navy more than 25 years ago by asking him to join me at the Bureau of Customs. The Navy's loss became the nation's gain. And he has since become one of only two Filipinos to serve in the positions of BIR and Customs commissioner. The other was Jose Lingad, during the administration of President Diosdado Macapagal.

Parayno says he is retiring from government service after the elections regardless of who wins. Don't bet on it. Only a fool would let go of Willy.

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Of all the governments we've had since the establishment of the Republic, none has been more conciliatory, more indulgent toward some of its opponents than the current Macapagal administration. But it can also be harsh and unrelenting when dealing with those who have crossed swords with it as in the case of Sen. Panfilo Lacson who for the nth time is facing revived charges in connection with the Kuratong Baleleng case.

In the case of former President Joseph Estrada, it would seem that he is facing minor charges before the Sandiganbayan instead of the more serious plunder accusations which carry a penalty of death or life imprisonment. While he has been restricted in his movements, he has also been given much leeway by the court and the executive branch, courtesies not normally extended to others similarly situated. Of course, it may be argued that Erap is not the average detainee that we find in hundreds of jails all over the country awaiting trial.

The late President Ramon Magsaysay once said that "those who have less in life should have more in law." Erap has definitely more in life than most of us; his lawyers are among the best money can buy and he has generally been treated with kid gloves by everyone. When he requested permission to proceed to the United States for treatment of his arthritic knees, the court readily acceded to his petition. Unfortunately, the US Embassy was not inclined to grant him a visa and his doctor's fees were astronomical even by American standards. Since then we have not heard anything about the possibility of having a local operation or his proceeding to some other country for surgery.

When Erap expressed a wish to see his ailing mother, he was immediately whisked away to San Juan for the visitation. Recently, he was allowed to mark his birthday with a gathering of friends and relatives at his rest house just across his present detention quarters at Camp Capinpin in Tanay. Incidentally, he has never recognized the authority of the Sandiganbayan. A few months ago, in order to allow him greater comfort and mobility, he was gifted with two golf carts by President Macapagal-Arroyo. According to news reports, one was her own personal cart, slightly used but in good running condition. Her latest birthday gift was a pen holder—all this in the spirit of reconciliation and sensitivity for the feelings of his supporters who feel he is being treated unfairly.

Last week, he complained of a "zero" sex life, indicating that his detention quarters was not up to standard. For good sex, he required "a nice-smelling room, a big bed and a bathtub."

One king-size bed, one bathtub coming up! Other accessories may also be provided upon request. Perhaps, it would be more convenient for all concerned and a lot cheaper for the government if he were placed under house arrest at his Polk Street residence. Imagine how much would be saved in terms of providing security and transportation from Tanay to Metro Manila and back, each time he travels.

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There was a time when no election was complete until the returns from Lanao were counted. Nothing was final until the Lanao votes were in, and at times people noted that there were more votes than voters. As Ali Dimaporo in his own inimitable manner would say, "I guarantee you clean and peaceful elections in my province," and so it was, with even the birds and the bees going peacefully to the polling places. But he was a fatherly old man who knew how to get what he wanted. At one time, while playing tennis at the Philippine Columbian Club at Plaza Dilao, I received a call from the study room at Malacañang. It was President Marcos inquiring about some customs matters which to my mind, were too minor for him. In the background, I could hear the voice of Ali explaining the problem from his point of view and making sure that the President got it right. After my conversation with Malacañang, I then got a call from Ali, asking for an appointment to discuss certain problems concerning his province. Of course, he knew that I had already received guidance on the matter and that there was really nothing to discuss. Ever the consummate politician, Ali nevertheless personally conveyed his request to me with tact and deference, even as he knew that Marcos had earlier issued me my marching orders. Ali played the bureaucratic game like a pro, just as he played a mean game of tennis at an age when most men were switching to golf or some less strenuous form of exercise.

Last week, Ali Dimaporo, a warrior of Lanao politics, passed away at the age of 95.

GMA speaks out on repro health

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AT A "MediaLinks" forum last Feb. 27, sponsored by the Women's Feature Service, I gave a presentation on "Reproductive Health as an Electoral Issue." Part of the presentation was my suggestion that women and reproductive health groups raise four specific questions to candidates whenever and wherever they can. This was not just to raise awareness about reproductive health among voters and candidates, but more important, to guide voters on who among the contenders are supportive of reproductive health and rights. I also said that these questions should be raised before candidates running for both national and local office, since local governments are now at the forefront of delivering health services, including those for reproductive health, to communities.

Participants at the forum then suggested that the Women's Feature Service forward the questions to the five presidential candidates. WFS executive director Olive Hubilla Tripon sent me a few days ago the first and so far, the only response from a presidential candidate: President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Let me say how much I appreciate Ms Macapagal's—or at least her campaign managers'—taking time to give serious thought to these issues and formulating her responses and dare we say, the future direction of her policies and programs should she prevail on May 10. Given her refusal to participate in any public forum or debate on issues of policy and performance, perhaps, we should settle for these responses, for now.

I'm reprinting the President's replies below, with my comments to follow on Tuesday.

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1. DO you believe in the right of individuals and couples to make their own reproductive choices?

Yes, definitely. The decision to use natural or modern family planning methods is the right of the spouses. The Constitution provides that "the State shall defend the right of the spouses to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions and the demands of responsible parenthood."

That is why the administration's policy is defined by responsible parenthood, respect for life and informed choice. As much as we can, we shall push for a population policy that is based on free choice and family planning based on Christian values. The government's responsibility lies in providing information on medically safe and socially acceptable means to address our high birth rate and its consequences on maternal and child health as well as population growth.

2. Do you believe in the provision of public funds to enable couples to meet their ideal family size?

In reality, public funds are disbursed according to the present administration's population control policy. In the past, much attention has already been given to the promotion of modern family planning methods. But statistics show that only 49 percent of couples practice contraception, 30 percent of whom use modern artificial methods.

At present, my administration is pushing for an aggressive natural population plan that involves massive educational and awareness campaigns on responsible parenting and birth spacing. If we can bring up the use of even the natural methods alone with the remaining 51 percent of couples, we might make a difference.

The next thing would be to look at new technologies in family planning that are applicable to our social context. One of the issues facing natural methods is their reliability, and developments to making them more reliable are most needed and very welcome.

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3. DO you believe in adolescent reproductive health and rights?

Yes. In fact, the Department of Health has created the Adolescent and Youth Health and Development Program which is an element of Reproductive Health and which aims to integrate adolescent and youth health services into the health delivery systems by ensuring all adolescent and youth of access to quality health care services in an adolescent and youth friendly environment. It hopes to produce well-informed, empowered, responsible and healthy adolescents and youth.

For this year, the program hopes to reduce the mortality rate among adolescents and youth, reduce teenage pregnancies, increase health and care-seeking behavior of adolescents, and increase their knowledge and awareness levels of fertility, sexuality and sexual health. It also hopes to increase the number of health facilities providing basic health services including counseling for adolescents and youth; integrate gender-sensitivity training and reproductive health in the secondary school curriculum; and establish resource centers or one-stop shops for adolescents and youth in each province.

The program is really a 10-year plan, which has been prepared by the DOH.

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4. WHAT priority would you give to reproductive health and rights in your overall program of government?

Reproductive health is part of our bigger agenda of access to health, which is one of the major targets of my administration. And among the health programs, the National Family Planning Program comes second (expanded program on immunization is first). We want to focus on family welfare and health, through education and choice.

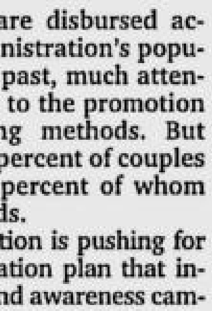
Other areas of priority for development are jobs, housing, education, clean water, property rights, agriculture, free enterprise, SMEs, peace and order and corruption (not necessarily in that order).

We will need to empower the women, but we also need to educate the men, because making motherhood (?) and raising children are the responsibility of both men and women.

The quest for preemptive stability

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David



IF the recent surveys are saying anything, it is that Filipino voters are rudely awakening to the pressing need for stability in our national life. This strong conservative impulse is born of a sense of uncertainty and uneasiness in a troubled world. It is driving voters to support the incumbent President, who, under different circumstances, would be thrown out of office at the first chance.

The evidence is all there. Many of those who are voting for Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo are doing so out of fear that the other side might win. It's GMA for them not because they believe in her vision or style of leadership, but because the alternative is fraught with greater insecurity. They are voting out of fear rather than out of conviction. The usually adventurous middle class is shutting down further experimentation. Against all its reforming instincts, it finds itself embracing the devil it knows for fear of drowning in the deep unknown.

This frame of mind affected most of all the candidacy of Raul Roco, by any measure the most modernist of all the candidates. Roco's chances began to falter at the precise moment that Fernando Poe Jr. began to loom as the choice of the underprivileged classes. From that point on, security became the dominant consideration of those who have always regarded themselves as the principal stakeholders of the nation. Suddenly it became necessary to drop all thought of change, and to support instead the uninspiring Macapagal presidency in order to ensure the defeat of yet another idol of the masses who is expected to inaugurate a new round of uncertainty.

Ms Macapagal seized this moment to peddle the message of continuity. But it is not continuity that the middle class wants so much as preemptive security. Its members are not numb to the systematic corruption that has been the hallmark of this administration from day one. They are not blind to the blatant misuse of public funds that nearly every department of the present government has had to resort to in order to ensure a Macapagal victory. But to them these are minor problems that can be reversed compared to the major catastrophe that awaits the nation if its foundations are shaken from below.

Compared to GMA's voters, FPJ's followers are typically more steadfast in their support. So naked are they already in their poverty that they have nothing further to lose by supporting their hero. In exchange for something they can immediately use—a job, a PhilHealth card, the promise of a home lot, seedlings for the farm, a scholarship for one's child, etc.—a number of them may actually shift their votes to GMA. But this is only a transaction of goods, not a transfer of loyalty. In the long run, it does the buyer no good. Ms Macapagal may be their patron for the moment, but she will never be their hero. She's using them, and they know it.

The quest for stability at all costs leads to what the Brazilian political theorist Roberto Unger calls "a willful closure to the surprises of politics." Divisions and hierarchies, roles and practices, that have no place in a modern democracy are defended for no other reason than because they are familiar.

I know many level-headed people in GMA's camp who have been fighting for good governance all their lives. But they are not protesting against the squandering of public money in a time of grave budgetary deficit because perhaps they see this as the only way to neutralize the misuse of charisma to elect an unfit government. In effect, they close their eyes to everything that violates their firmest advocacies in order to prevent what they perceive to be a greater wrong from happening. That is how moral and ideological bottom-lines are re-drawn, how social activists end up becoming subservient political technicians.

Deep in our hearts we fear change because we don't know where it will take us. We fear the empowerment of ordinary people because we imagine them to be misguided and incapable of thinking of the collective good. We distrust their democratic impulses because we think of them as nothing more than puppets of manipulative patrons.

How wrong can we be. In 1986, no one thought it was possible for Cory Aquino to defeat Ferdinand Marcos. All the conditions for boycotting a controlled election aimed at shoring up the legitimacy of a dictatorship were there. Everyone knew that Marcos would do everything to steal the election. But the people's need to show Marcos how much they were disgusted by his rule was greater than all the rational arguments for a boycott. They saw the election as the perfect opportunity to come together and stand up to the dictatorship.

By their engagement in the election, they overcame their fears. They discovered the meaning of solidarity. Rich and poor alike linked arms not as stand-ins for rigid social hierarchies but as equal citizens of a nation. They learned vigilance and effective political strategy. They made democracy.

The whole objective of that exercise was not so much to make Cory president as to awaken a stupefied nation. It was not to restore the old elite to power but to reactivate the Filipino polity. What the Cory government eventually became is not as important as the recovery of our capacity for a democratic life.

With every election, we should become better as a people, more empowered rather than cynical, more confident in our actions rather than alienated. We are not puppets of unchanging structures. Democracy is not embedded in procedures; it is recovered only in the course of actual practice. We should not resist change. We should institutionalize it.

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The Constitution's 'original sin'

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

LAST week, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a historic case that aims to blunt the power of religious leaders in secular politics, a glorious cause that—if by chance you recall—more than a century ago, had actually inspired an event that today we celebrate as the Philippine Revolution.

In Velarde v. Society for Social Justice (or SJS), several lawyers petitioned a Manila trial court to declare that when religious leaders endorse political candidates, they violate the constitutional separation of Church and State. The trial judge obliged in a well-researched decision, and the case was elevated to the Supreme Court.

In the history of Philippine constitutional law, the doctrine of Church/State separation has been fraught with paradox since its inception, born with its own version of "original sin"—it was born inside a church, the Barasoain Church.

Our Republic's founding fathers fought a long and bloody war of national liberation, fueled by those friar abuses depicted by Jose Rizal in his "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo." And yet at the moment of victory, what did our triumphant revolutionaries do? They went to church! And to do what? To write the separation of Church and State into the Malolos Constitution. Worse, when the delegates cast their votes, the separation clause won by only one vote. To top it all, the first thing they did next was to suspend the effectivity of the separation clause. Why? Because Apolinario Mabini said that it was important to preserve unity if we were to wage war against Admiral George Dewey, whose marines had already taken over Manila (which was why Mabini et al. were writing their constitution in Malolos).

Today the paradoxes persist. Politicians shamelessly seek the benediction of religious leaders, the better to win the vote of loyal flock. Clerics dispense their blessings upon candidates and issue edicts on secular matters.

What is the usual line of defense for politicized men of the cloth? The stock lawyerly answer is that the Constitution constrains only the state but not private persons from violating the individual's freedom of belief and from favoring one organized religion over another. Government may not intercept the mandates of heaven, but religious leaders are free to take part in the affairs of the earth.

That smug answer would have been correct if we were reading the American constitution, from which we originally borrowed lock, stock and barrel our Church/State separation doctrine. In their history, the main protagonist was the state—theirs was a community of refugees fleeing religious persecution in the Old World, and their constitution is custom-tailored to guard against the danger of the state coercing non-believers or rewarding true believers.

But in Philippine history, the main protagonists have been the powerful churches (UP academics will say "hegemonic"), namely, at the outset, the Roman Catholic Church (to which, I hasten to say, I faithfully belong), and more recently, the Iglesia ni Cristo and evangelical groups that have filled the vacuum in the souls of those who have ceased to be moved by their baptized faiths. The true constitutional intent in the Philippines is to keep the modern-day friars from seizing the levers of state power and using the state for self-aggrandizement, spiritual or otherwise. The narrowly legalistic line of defense betrays that intent.

That is why, in an old decision that remains in the books, the Philippine Supreme Court threw out the hand-me-down constitutional approaches and upheld a law that banned priests from running for public office (the challenged clause has since been repealed).

On the other hand, the plea of ecclesiastics is most formidable when they claim that their secular involvement is required by their faith and, even stronger, when they cite chapter and verse. The "free exercise" clause ensures that, however strained the theocratic explanation, it is precisely the nature of religious truth that no earthly power can declare any spiritual tenet to be true or untrue. (For sure, there is a Philippine case where a Catholic justice actually interpreted a biblical verse for the Jehovah's Witnesses—not thinking that it might otherwise take an ordained minister to do that—and compelled them to take part in a flag ceremony that their religion forbade. Mercifully, 30 years later, the Supreme Court reversed that ruling, recognizing the "right to differ as to things that touch the heart of the existing order."

Ironically, the SJS case stands before a Supreme Court that has itself adopted what it calls an Ecumenical Prayer for the Courts. It was carefully worded to be ecumenical all right, but is sometimes recited by the overzealous who would give nary a thought if they began with the Sign of the Cross, or ended with the Our Father.

In Marcelino C. Arias v. UP, a UP law student filed suit against classroom prayer. I taught Mars Constitutional Law, and though I am always delighted when my students take my subject to heart, I could not have imagined that one of them would test constitutional doctrine the following semester.

In the end, the real wonder is not why high priests preach on non-spiritual matters but why we Filipinos listen. It shows a people bereft of hope and starved of guidance, seeking leaders they can trust, and finding their most genuine sense of community not in the traditional institutions of governance but in the warm fellowship of communal worship. It used to be that we found our "public sphere" in government, and turned to the temples for private worship. Today we see government as nothing more than an arena for private profit-making, and turn to the temples to affirm our communal—and yes, in Aristotle's loftiest sense—our political selves.

THEY SAID

Lost country

"I can't blame the young people for wanting to leave the country and live somewhere else. *Parang wala nang liwanag*. We seem to have a knack for inflicting injury upon ourselves. It's because of the leadership: not credible, not trusted, not respected—and it's their own doing. The coming election is a golden chance for us to choose another set of leaders."

—Vice-presidential candidate Hermie Aquino on political savvy

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Senate bets on population, divorce

ABOUT 70 percent of Filipinos believe that a fast growing population hinders the country's development, according to results of a survey conducted by Pulse Asia.

The survey also found that 82 percent to 86 percent "say that candidates in favor of couples' free choice of family planing, a law or measure on population issues, a government budget for family planning, and a program on women's health ought to be supported by the general public."

Aware of this information, senatorial candidates support the right of couples to decide the number of children they want. They generally support population education programs and efforts to reduce the population growth.

Candidates	Population/ Family Planning	Divorce
Alvarez, Heherson Independent	I am for the natural method of family planning. However, I recognize that the state has a responsibility to respect the citizens' right to informed choice based on their religious beliefs on appropriate child spacing to promote the welfare of the family.	The policy to protect marriage as a life-long commitment must be nurtured. Legalizing divorce diminishes the sanctity of marriage. Without extolling divorce, there are ways of terminating failed marriages inscribed in the Family Code to protect the rights of the child.
Anson-Roa, Boots Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP)	If we look at a newborn baby as just another mouth to feed rather than as a pair of hands with the potential to help develop our economy, then population growth could be a problem. Let us look at people as a major economic resource. Family planning should be governed by an informed choice of spouses.	I cannot condone divorce or legal separation. The rise in annulment cases is a sign of the weakening of the family. Legalizing divorce opens the floodgates of more marriage breakups, which do not augur well for our society.
Barbers, Robert K-4 Coalition	Our situation dictates that we be prudent and responsible in deciding the number of children we want to have. A large family with a measly income could make its members vulnerable to borrowing from loan sharks and eventually to commit petty crimes, drug pushing and other illegal activities.	I am for the preservation of the sanctity of marriage. Our law on family relations, which contains provisions on annulment of marriage based on specific statutory grounds, is sufficient enough to justify the termination of marital relation.
Biazon, Rodolfo K-4 Coalition	No to population control. Yes to family planning. To help address the population problem, I have given my support to the implementation of effective family planning measures. My concept of family planning must not be misunderstood as population control in which government dictates the number of children.	No.
Cayetano, Pia K-4 Coalition	Couples must be given the freedom to decide on the number of children they want in accordance with their belief and in conformity with the demand of responsible parenthood. However, discretion should be exercised, bearing in mind that there is a need for planning to have quality life for all.	I believe in the sanctity of marriage. All means must be undertaken to preserve the basic unit of our society. If a marriage is beyond repair, the Family Code provides sufficient grounds for the annulment of the marriage, or for legal separation.
Chavez, Frank Alyansa ng Pag-asa	Yes to family planning because our family wasn't planned. We're 10 (siblings). I believe in family planning so that a family can enjoy the benefits of the work of both parents. It should be limited in number—probably a maximum of four children. I believe in free choice (when it comes to contraceptives).	We live in a hypocritical society. I see no practical reason why a couple should live together if they find married life hellish. Why prolong the agony? Give them a chance, a way out.
Coo, Olivia "Bong" Alyansa ng Pag-asa	I'm still for natural family planning methods and for educating the poor on how to manage population. Opening up opportunities for mothers makes them busy, and thus are more likely to plan their family.	No, although I have been separated from my husband for 33 years. I have two kids. Instead of seeking another man, I've chosen to be in sports. I have been married to my sports since 1970. Instead of more kids, I produced 37 gold medals and became world bowling champion four times.
Dilangalen, Didagen KNP	The population must be controlled before it explodes.	As a Muslim, I believe in absolute divorce. Ironically, a very insignificant number in the Muslim communities want divorce.
Enrile, Juan Ponce KNP	Government must pursue a population education program to make people aware of the social and economic costs of unmanageable population growth rate. I support the reproductive health bill of Rep. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo to give people information on the options in responsibly planning their families.	If there's a proposed legislation to legalize divorce, I will see to it that the grounds are well defined and restricted to prevent capriciousness and abuse to the detriment of the family.
Escudero, Sonny KNP	I'm in favor of a responsible parenthood program where all couples are informed of their rights and allowed to freely make a choice in accordance with their religious beliefs.	I'm against the legalization of divorce. The family is the basic unit of society and no one should be too light-handed in granting, much less promoting, decrees of divorce.
Estrada, Jinggoy KNP	The Philippines may become so overcrowded after 20 years. I respect the position of the Church on birth control. If that (birth control) is the only solution to the population problem, I am for it.	I am against divorce. I value the sacrament of matrimony so much.
Gatmaytan, Nicanor, Jr. Alyansa ng Pag-asa	In such ways that are normal, but not contrary to the Christian doctrine. People can have choices, of course. But not imposed.	It's just a nomenclature. We already have divorce as a liberal application of the separation of spouses. It's easier to get a divorce in other countries where the rules are more relaxed than the present law now. In effect we have this, but only the rich can afford to have annulment.
Gordon, Richard K-4 Coalition	I am for a quality population. There should be disincentives. For instance, a couple's third child will not be entitled to free education.	I believe divorce should be legalized but only for specific circumstances in which there is spousal and child abuse.
Herrera, Ernesto KNP	Government must educate our people about the responsibilities of raising a family and the choices available to couples who want to have children. Ultimately, reproductive right belongs to the couple.	Divorce should never be taken lightly because of its impact on the family. But we have to accept that there are marriages that are irreparable, like in cases when there is domestic abuse. The issue deserves to be put to a vote in a referendum.
Hussin, Parouk K-4 Coalition	This should be taken in the context of responsible parenthood and for the preservation of the health and well being of the mother and the fetus. It should be a decision to be made by the family, not by the state.	In Islamic law, divorce is recognized. I don't see any reason why it should not be legalized. However, proper safeguards should be put in place so that this remedy cannot be taken lightly.
Jaworski, Robert K-4 Coalition	This is a matter of the private conscience of the couple. There should be more involvement and participation of civic groups and the private sector. More education, information and income-generating activities.	I'm not in favor. The Family Code provides for means to end one's marriage and they are better alternatives to divorce. We must preserve the marriage because in the end, the children of divorced parents will be the ones suffering.
Joson, Edno Alyansa ng Pag-asa	I stand by the Alyansa's position on population management. I like freedom of choice, except for abortion.	I'm against it because it will weaken the family as the core of our nation and as an institution. I can't find any exception to that. But then again, maybe domestic violence is an exception.
Lapid, Lito K-4 Coalition	Our population now stands at 84.6 million and it grows by 1.92 percent a year. It is important that we control our population. So I'm in favor of the use of contraceptives for family planning.	If there's no way for a married couple to get along, it's an injustice if they are still considered married in the eyes of the people and under the law.
Lim, Alfredo KNP	Population growth must be controlled. But I'm not in favor of artificial birth control because it is against our moral and religious orientation. What the government should do is to continuously educate parents on the healthy effects of family planning.	As a Catholic country and as what our Constitution declares, the family as a foundation of the nation must be preserved. Certainly divorce will destroy the family's solidarity and will eventually lead to untold economic and social problems.
Maceda, Ernesto KNP	I respect the views of the Catholic Church.	I'm in favor for three limited reasons—when the spouse is convicted of an attempt on the life of the other; when (under the present law) an alien spouse, i.e. American, gets divorce in the US; and, when the husband is absent for seven years or more, he can be declared dead.
Madrigal, Jamby KNP	The Philippines has one of the highest population growth rates in the world. If not checked, the country will experience difficulties supporting its growing population, especially now that the economy is in bad shape.	The government and the Church have addressed failed marriages by allowing legal separation and annulment. There is no need for divorce at this time.
Mauricio, Mel "Batas" Alyansa ng Pag-asa	Only with respect to natural methods.	We have divorce now. It's called annulment of marriage under Article 36 of the Family Code. The psychological ground for annulment is broader than divorce. (The only difference is that) in the Philippines, marriage is an inviolable social institution, which means that the law is protecting the sanctity of marriage.
Mercado, Orly K-4 Coalition	Survey data on demographics show the actual number of children is bigger than the desired number. But there is a willingness to pay for family planning services. This means that couples are unable to meet the desired family size because they are uninformed or don't have access to the services.	Divorce may be legalized under strict grounds. Our laws allow legal separation for couples who need to hide under the cloak of "psychological incapacity." This is time consuming and is a solution only for those who can afford legal service.
Osmeña, John K-4 Coalition	Let us have more people and 20 million overseas workers.	Is there illegal divorce?
Padilla, Carlos Senatorial bet of Panfilo Lacson	I am in favor of family planning on two conditions. That the method used would be in accordance with the conscience of the couple and that it would not be abortive.	I am in favor but there should be some parameters. For instance, when a father and mother have separated and are living with their own respective spouses and families. Under such circumstances, what would happen to the children? They'd be bastards.
Pimentel, Aquilino, Jr. KNP	The state must pursue efforts to curb population growth to ease the pressures on available resources and enhance the quality of life without sacrificing the moral values of Filipinos. The government must not be dictated to by foreign governments and institutions in carrying out its population program.	The family as the basic unit of society must be protected against facile breaking up by couples who may only have reconcilable differences. If the problem isn't reconcilable, the way is by annulment, not divorce.
Rasul-Bernardo, Amina KNP	We need birth spacing. It is easier to manage a smaller family, financially, physically and psychologically. However, my faith prevents me from supporting abortifacient methods.	In Islam, we allow divorce. However, among Muslims, the rate of divorce is less than the annulment rate among Catholics and the percentage of those who have other partners while still legally married to another. Isn't that interesting?
Revilla, Ramon "Bong", Jr. K-4 Coalition	Let's have massive education and information campaign on responsible parenthood.	What God has put together let no one put asunder. Definitely no.
Roxas, Manuel "Mar" III K-4 Coalition	I believe in responsible parenthood. I believe in a couple deciding for themselves the size of their family and the method to attain this. Accordingly, government should vigorously make all relevant information available to them so they can make an informed decision.	I'm open to legalizing divorce. Kids need not grow up in an atmosphere of hate and deceit. The standards for obtaining one though should be rigorous so as not to make it capricious and frivolous.
Santiago, Miriam K-4 Coalition	I'm a Catholic, but I favor family planning. Vatican II revealed that the Church is deeply divided on this issue. Do not command what you cannot enforce. The conservative Catholic hierarchy has to accept the view that there are no absolute moral truths, because human life that comes from God continues to evolve.	There are incompatible couples driven to murder because their union has become tantamount to a life sentence. Why insist that two people remain miserable just because of a fundamentalist interpretation of a biblical passage that people read, not in the original Aramaic, but in a variety of languages that carry their own linguistic ambiguities?
Sonza, Jay Alyansa ng Pag-asa	I'm an advocate of family planning. Let's give couples all the options. We're wise enough to choose the best way.	We already have that, except alimony and palimony. There's annulment by the civil court.
Tatad, Francisco KNP	Every one should be encouraged to practice responsible parenthood and to plan their families according to their moral convictions and religious beliefs. But the state should never enter the bedroom and tell a couple how to make love or when to have how many children.	This is a willful importation of the worst diseases from outside. Our Constitution, our customs, and our predominantly Christian culture are directly opposed to these ideas. Precisely because they are morally wrong, they have produced very bad results wherever they have been adopted.
Yasay, Perfecto Alyansa ng Pag-asa	Family planning should be the concern of everyone. I'm in favor of the use of contraceptives, but the state should not impose its will in violation of the teachings of a particular religion.	Divorce should be allowed. Even our (Catholic) Church allows divorce. Why should we be popish than the Pope? Why will you force (a warring couple) to live together? It will have a more negative impact on the children as they grow. But the grounds for divorce should be strict.

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Military nabs 3 JI terror suspects

COTABATO CITY—Three suspected local operatives of the regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah were arrested in Maguindanao on Friday evening, military sources said yesterday.

The sources said soldiers arrested Sammy Abdulgani, 24; Munta Tungao, 22; and Datu Puti Ungka, 23, all of Maguindanao, during a raid in Barangay Taviran in Datu Odin Sinsuat town around 7:30 p.m.

Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga declined to confirm the arrest but said the military has been on a heightened alert against terrorists planning to carry out a Madrid-style bombing in Mindanao and in other parts of the country.

The sources, including a ranking military officer in the region and operatives of the Army's intelligence service, said the raid was prompted by an earlier information about the suspicious activities of the suspects.

"After we verified the tip, we immediately assembled a raiding team," one of the sources said.

On Friday evening, the suspects were caught by surprise when soldiers stormed the house.

"They did not have a chance to resist," another source said.

Among the items seized from the suspects were mortar shells and other bomb-making paraphernalia, which were reportedly more than enough to flatten a building.

The sources said during interrogation, the suspects admitted having known Taufik Refke, JI's alleged bagman in Central Mindanao.

The sources also said the arrested suspects admitted they are members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The MILF admitted that the suspects are members of the rebel group.

But Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said the suspects were not planning to sow terror but they were MILF members returning home to Cotabato City from another town.

He said a companion of the suspects was earlier held by soldiers in a checkpoint in Datu Odin Sinsuat after yielding a pistol.

He said the arrested rebel was forced to reveal where his other companions were.

Kabalu said during the raid, soldiers could have seized some ammunition, which are issued to MILF members.

"These ammunition might have included rocket-propelled grenades. Our forces have brought along their issued firearms and ammunition when they went home," Kabalu said.

But he said the suspects were definitely not JI members.

The military has been connecting the MILF to the JI.

When Refke was arrested during a raid here a few months ago, the MILF's alleged connection with the JI and the various bombings, including the Rizal Day bombing in Manila, was again brought out.

Senga admitted that the military has been on the look out for suspected bombers, who might be deployed to sow terror on April 30.

Earlier military reports said JI members were planning to conduct simultaneous bombings in major cities of Mindanao, including Davao City and Cagayan de Oro City.

Security in these areas have reportedly been tightened but air travelers said there was no indication of this move to thwart terror attacks. *Rosa-May V. de Guzman with a report from Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

CLONE

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Gayson Magdadaro takes pride in having a close resemblance to his idol, President Macapagal-Arroyo. Magdadaro is a finalist in the GMA look-alike contest that was launched in Pangasinan and was organized by the Biyaheng Gloria, a group of Ms Macapagal's supporters. During the question-and-answer portion of the contest, Magdadaro won points with his wish: peaceful elections and an end to dirty tricks.

C. Luzon posts 4 percent tourism growth

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Central Luzon posted a 4-percent growth in domestic visitor arrivals last year, the Presidential Commission for the Central Luzon Growth Corridor said in a report here on Friday.

The commission said a survey of tourism-oriented establishments showed the arrivals rising from 338,662 in 2002 to 351,392 in 2003.

It said the increase was a result of the "continuing effort of the local travel trade community in energizing the regional tourism industry by way of new innovations and challenging actions to spur domestic travel."

This, the commission said, "also reflects the overall confidence of local and foreign visitors on the peace and order situation in all provinces of Central Luzon."

The survey said Americans comprised the biggest bulk of foreign visitors last year. Japanese, South Korean and Malaysian tourists also visited the region.

Zambales was the top destination, with a 42 percent share of total visitor arrivals. Pampanga and Bulacan followed with 36 and 10 percent share of the arrivals, respectively.

"Zambales continues to benefit from tourism and travel as its prime destination and travel hub, the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, continues to make waves with its year-long tourism events and activities," the commission said.

Pampanga, on the other hand, "gets social and economic benefits from the presence of Clark Special Economic Zone as it continues to draw local and foreign visitors." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Donor group sought for baby's surgery

COTABATO CITY—The Handicap International, a French non-government organization, is looking for a sponsor organization to help package assistance for a much-needed surgery on a three-month-old baby with a congenital hydrocephalus.

Baby Johanna Madsandalan's illness, which has been enlarging her head from birth, requires surgery that would cost P300,000, according to her physician.

The Provincial Social Work Office of Maguindanao and Sultan Sa Barongis Mayor Alamansa Angas had certified as indigent the Madsandalan family.

The Madsandalans hail from Sultan sa Barongis, one of Maguindanao's most impoverished areas.

Rita Aquino, HI project coordinator in Central Mindanao, said her organization was trying to get in touch with an organization that can shoulder the cost of the medical tube that would be used to drain the excess fluid from the baby's head and body. The tube costs around P20,000.

The Imamia Research and Development in Cotabato City coordinated Johanna's case with both the HI and the Gabriel Symphony Foundation, another non-government organization founded by lawyer Pia Cayetano.

Handicap International in Cotabato City can be contacted through its telephone no. (064) 4217074 or Aquino's cellular phone no. 0920-924-7429. *Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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More jobs for youth top Rasul agenda

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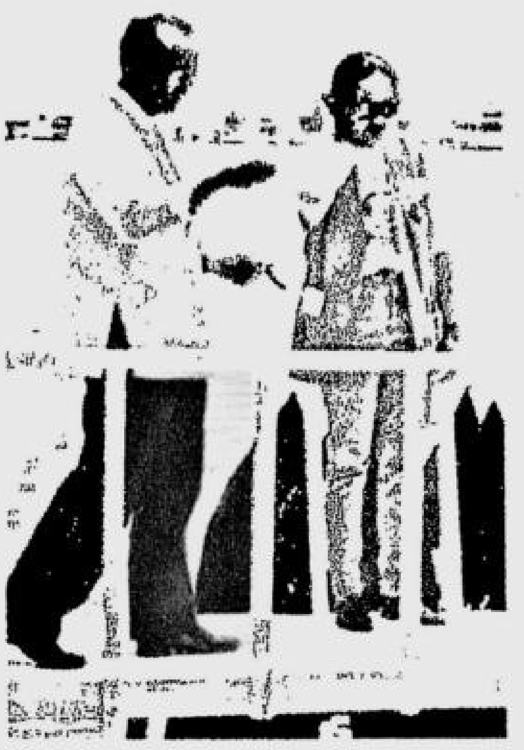
By Nash B. Maulana
Cotabato City

THE ONLY Muslim woman candidate for senator believes that lawmakers could motivate the youth's power beyond idealism (and the election period) in solving the unemployment problem.

"This month, millions of students again graduated and joined the ranks of people seeking for jobs. We Filipinos have been educated to become jobseekers. It is high time that we educate our youth to aspire to become job-makers and job-givers. Becoming your own boss and starting your own business is the start of this," explained senatorial candidate Amina Rasul of the opposition Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP).


RASUL with then President Fidel Ramos in this file photo. PDI PHOTO

The Harvard-trained Rasul recalls that she started the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) when she was chair of the National Youth Commission. The endeavor, she says, "encourages young people to become entrepreneurs, to become businesspersons."

"We succeeded in helping high school and college students start their own businesses, and many of these are still operating today. I want to revive that program by creating an environment that will promote entrepreneurship among the youth," she says.

Rasul says she intends to enhance the program with legislation that could institutionalize youth cooperative and entrepreneurship development, as well as undertakings leading to institutional cooperation or partnership.

In her own experience, bridging the youth for institutional cooperation under the concept of development partnership with the corporate world was made possible through a consortium she helped organize. This paved the way for the World Bank and private sector foundations to fund and implement youth development programs, with focus on entrepreneurship and skills training.

Rasul says she could count much on technical assistance from the Asian Institute of Management in which she obtained her master's degree in public administration on a study grant from Bank of Philippine Islands.

Peace

"Peace is my most immediate concern," she says, "because without peace and order, no investment will come and no job will be generated. With peace, our overseas Filipino workers who are toiling abroad will have a bigger chance to go home for good because there will be more opportunities for them.

"Peace is the key that will unlock the treasure chest of this country, which is Mindanao."

A consistent honor student, Rasul obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of the Philippines. She continued her studies at the AIM and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

As Philippine youth representative, Rasul delivered the statement for the G-77 on youth issues before the United Nations' 50th General Assembly during the UN's 10th anniversary celebration of the International Youth Year.

She was elected chair of the UN-sponsored Asia-Pacific Conference on Youth Human Resources Development in Bangkok in May, 1998, during which the Philippines' Medium-Term Youth Development Plan was cited by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific as one of the "best practices" in the region.

She was among the organizers of the Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneurs Conference in Manila in 1996, when the Philippines hosted Asia-Pacific Economic Council's meeting. She also co-organized a consortium with the World Bank and private sector foundations to fund and implement youth development programs, with focus on entrepreneurship and skills training for employment.

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Threats, danger won't stop Yasay from pursuing truth

By Dennis Jay C. Santos
Davao City

NOT a thousand thunderbolts or a volley of threats to his life can stop Perfecto Yasay Jr. from telling his truth and defending it when he hurled an allegation of high-profile corruption committed by no less than the President himself.

"I wish you will be hit by lightning," then President Joseph Estrada said in Filipino as he castigated Yasay, who was then chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, during the TV program "Debate." The stinging remarks left the audience, TV host, and thousands of viewers in awe and disbelief.

For who would expect the President to call up a TV station and briefly interrupt a program to unleash his displeasure and say the last word to his accuser. Estrada wanted to convince the audience that he had no part in the controversy that Yasay had been trying to drag him into.

Yasay, who was one of the program's guests, merely kept his silence when Estrada berated him, understanding full well that his testimony before a Senate inquiry could draw a great deal of wrath from the President. He had told the senators that Estrada called him up several times to block the SEC's investigation of alleged rigging of prices in the stock market by BW Resource Corp., which is controlled by Estrada's friend, business tycoon Dante Tan.

Upon arriving home after his Senate appearance, Yasay said his fears were confirmed when an unknown caller threatened him: "*Pupulutin ka na lang sa kangkungan* (Your body will be retrieved among the swamp cabbage)."

Three days later, Yasay said Tan called him on his phone and asked to be interviewed in a TV program of another network, to purportedly clear his and Estrada's names.

Moral test

Yasay recanted his story during the interview, saying he was not being pressured by Estrada to stop the SEC investigation. When confronted again by the Senate about his turnaround, Yasay argued that his first sworn testimony stayed.

"I only said that on TV because I was not under oath," Yasay, who is a lawyer, said. At that time, he added, his life was in jeopardy. "If I am not going to follow, I have no doubt in my mind that they will kill me," he said.

YASAY in his high profile job as SEC chair in this 1998 photo. PDI PHOTO

Foundation

Yasay's father Perfecto Sr. was a Protestant pastor, and his mother Deborah, a public school teacher in Kidapawan City.

Yasay said his upbringing had always been one of spirituality and of righteousness. That is why his platform of government, which he calls Youth Empowerment, Economic Reforms, and System of Justice for All or "YES," focuses on reforms, including moral recovery in the corrupt-ridden government.

"I stand for truth and righteousness," he said. "My qualification is tested on the fight against corruption."

Filipino YMCA exec

Yasay was the first Filipino youth and the youngest vice-president of the World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), which had members all over the globe. "I was 23 years old at that time and my counterparts were in their late 60s," he said.

May 1 protest called off

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Galvez-Tan first announced last Wednesday the opposition plans for a huge rally, saying it would be on the scale of the "Edsa Dos" protests which chased Joseph Estrada out of Malacañang in 2001.

Besides Galvez-Tan, present during yesterday's meeting were Mike Policarpio and Boy Agbayani of the FPJ for President Movement, Bangon spokesperson Luis Sison and Bayan Muna party-list group officials.

"There are other groups but they would want to remain anonymous for now," said Galvez-Tan.

He added: "We all agreed that there is a need for an honest and credible leadership, that we should unite against misuse of funds, cheating and fraud in elections."

Lacson stays away

Lacson, on his way to a sortie in General Santos City, said he had information the planned May 1 protest was the idea of adventurous groups in the opposition that was picked up by the Roco camp.

The scenario called for opposition presidential candidates to quit the race. This would leave Ms Macapagal as the only candidate and expose the election as a farce.

"I've already told our supporters not to join the rally on May 1," Lacson said, urging fellow presidential candidates to focus instead on their respective campaigns.

Roco, scheduled to return home on April 28, called his party headquarters yesterday to deny helping organize a political rally on May 1, a party statement said.

Roco emphasized that May 1 was for workers and he would only attend a Labor Day event organized in the spirit of the occasion.

Ms Macapagal said the government would stick to its policy of maximum tolerance in dealing with demonstrations.

GMA draws line

"We will respect the rights of all quarters and even bend backwards to accommodate legitimate protest," the President said in a statement.

"But we draw the line on the side of the public interest, which we will never allow to be violated with impunity."

Ms Macapagal has faced a siege by thousands of Estrada's supporters, an army mutiny, coup rumors and many protest rallies since she assumed power in 2001.

She said the opposition should help ensure clean, honest and peaceful elections.

"This is the least the opposition can do if it cannot forge a credible platform at this late hour," she said.

Estrada said the planned opposition protest was "bad karma" for Ms Macapagal but said he had no hand in it.

"They are now reaping the product of a bad seed. *Ginawa nila sa akin 'yun* (They did that to me)," Estrada told the INQUIRER from Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal, where he is detained on plunder charges.

He urged his followers to show their anger over the alleged misuse by Ms Macapagal of public funds by voting her out of office.

He laughed at the thought of another change in government through extra-legal means.

"That will surely turn us into a banana republic," he said.

Police message

The police, meanwhile, had this message to groups planning protest actions on May 1: Get a permit, hold the rally only in "lawful" areas, and keep it peaceful.

"First of all, we support the rallies provided they are peaceful and lawful," said Chief Supt. Joel Goltiao, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police.

"And they do not obstruct main thoroughfares," he added.

The military said it would deploy 2,000 troops in the streets on Labor Day. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

Reading the surveys: Is GMA really leading?

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dent Macapagal-Arroyo leads the presidential contenders with 35.3 percent, followed by Fernando Poe Jr, 30.8 percent; Panfilo Lacson, 10.6 percent; Raul Roco, 8.4 percent; Eddie Villanueva 4.0, and Eddie Gil, 0.05 percent.

The result was similar to Pulse Asia Inc.'s survey conducted on March 27 to April 4, where Ms Macapagal finally gained a lead with 34 percent over FPJ's 31 percent, breaking the statistical tie that had hounded them since the start of the campaign.

The survey was done on a sample of 4,800 nationally representative registered voters. Ms Macapagal enjoyed a slim lead of 1.6 percentage points as the survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 1.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

But Ibon Foundation's March 28 to April 4 survey of 1,300 respondents indicated otherwise. It was Poe who had a 7.7-point lead with 26.3 percent, not Ms Macapagal with 18.6 percent.

So who is really leading the presidential race? Is it Ms Macapagal or Poe? Or, as some analysts have pointed out—are they just in a dead heat?

Two numbers should be defined to understand survey results: the margin of error and the degree of confidence.

"Margin of error" is the possible range of error because a sample was used. It is used by pollsters to indicate the survey's uncertainty since not all voters were included in the survey.

In the latest SWS survey conducted April 10 to 17, the voters' preference rating of Ms Macapagal was 35.3 percent. Given a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, those who would vote for her would be in the range of a high 38.3 percent to a low 32.3 percent.

"Confidence level" is the degree of certainty of the results based on a sample. A margin of error with a 95 percent confidence level means that 5 percent of the time, or one out of every 20 times, the actual sentiment of the total voters does not lie within the reported margin of error. Thus, the degree of confidence is the likelihood that the real value falls in the margin of error.

Sampling error raises one of the difficult problems in the analysis of survey results. When is one candidate really ahead of the other?

Is it close or a tie?

Certainly, if the gap between the two candidates is less than the error margin, it cannot be said that one candidate is ahead of the other. What can be said is that the race is "close," the race is "roughly even," or there is "little difference between the candidates."

In the case of the March 21-29 SWS survey, when the difference of the ratings of Ms Macapagal and Poe was a mere 0.6 point, given a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, then there is a "statistical tie."

But it should not be called a "dead heat," unless the candidates are tied with the same percentages.

When the gap between the two candidates is equal to or more than twice the error margin—for example, using a margin of error of 3 percent, the gap is six percentage points—and there are only two candidates and no undecided voters, it can be said with confidence that Candidate A is clearly leading Candidate B.

Experienced American pollsters advise journalists that when the gap between two candidates is more than the error margin but less than twice the error margin, media reports should say that Candidate A "is ahead of," "has an advantage over" or "holds an edge over" Candidate B. Or the story should say "there is a small possibility" that Candidate A is ahead of Candidate B.

When there are more than two choices or more undecided voters, the question gets even more complicated.

In the latest SWS survey conducted April 10 to 17, the number of undecided respondents is 10.9 percent, which means one out of 10 voters is undecided. This is twice the gap of the survey votes for Poe and Ms Macapagal, or five times the gap if the margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent is considered.

Also to be considered are what recent SWS and Pulse Asia surveys call the "hard" or "soft" voters. "Hard" voters are those who said they have already made up their minds, while "soft" voters are those who said they may change their votes on May 10.

The fairest survey

Before the INQUIRER editors decide to run the results of a survey, they ask a few basic questions: Who did the survey? Are the pollsters competent enough to run a survey? And more importantly, is it really a survey?

"Survey" is a method of gathering information from a sample of individuals. Unlike a census, where all members of the population are studied, surveys gather information from a sample population.

Although it can be conducted in many ways—by telephone, mail or in person—in a properly designed and professionally conducted survey, the sample is not selected haphazardly. It is scientifically chosen so that each person in the population has a measurable chance of selection. This way, the results can be reliably projected from the sample to the larger population.

Man-on-the-street interviews are not surveys. Neither are call-in votes and mock elections.

So can a sample size of 1,300 registered voters speak for 43 million voters?

Take the taste test

Yes, in a well-designed survey. According to Dr. Romulo Virola, secretary general of the National Statistics and Coordination Board, surveys are like taste tests.

In his paper, "On Election Polls," posted on the NSCB website, he wrote: "You need not finish off a bowlful of *dinuguan* from a neighborhood *carinderia* to check if it is as yummy as the stew from the mother kitchen."

Virola in his paper also said that in measuring the quality of two diverging opinion surveys, one should ask the following: Who conducted the survey? Were the surveys commissioned (because this could affect the integrity of the results)? Do the two surveys have the same or different interview periods (which could explain the difference in results)?

Survey results are also affected by sample size, how the questions were phrased and when the questions were asked during the interview.

Survey results are likewise affected by the extent of the undecided and nonresponses, which may cloud the overall picture and the distribution of respondents.

Understanding surveys is tricky. But in a hotly contested presidential race, knowing how to analyze and use surveys could spell the difference between victory and defeat.

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May 1 protest called off

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Galvez-Tan first announced last Wednesday the opposition plans for a huge rally, saying it would be on the scale of the "Edsa Dos" protests which chased Joseph Estrada out of Malacañang in 2001.

Besides Galvez-Tan, present during yesterday's meeting were Mike Policarpio and Boy Agbayani of the FPJ for President Movement, Bangon spokesperson Luis Sison and Bayan Muna party-list group officials.

"There are other groups but they would want to remain anonymous for now," said Galvez-Tan.

He added: "We all agreed that there is a need for an honest and credible leadership, that we should unite against misuse of funds, cheating and fraud in elections."

Lacson stays away

Lacson, on his way to a sortie in General Santos City, said he had information the planned May 1 protest was the idea of adventurous groups in the opposition that was picked up by the Roco camp.

The scenario called for opposition presidential candidates to quit the race. This would leave Ms Macapagal as the only candidate and expose the election as a farce.

"I've already told our supporters not to join the rally on May 1," Lacson said, urging fellow presidential candidates to focus instead on their respective campaigns.

Roco, scheduled to return home on April 28, called his party headquarters yesterday to deny helping organize a political rally on May 1, a party statement said.

Roco emphasized that May 1 was for workers and he would only attend a Labor Day event organized in the spirit of the occasion.

Ms Macapagal said the government would stick to its policy of maximum tolerance in dealing with demonstrations.

GMA draws line

"We will respect the rights of all quarters and even bend backwards to accommodate legitimate protest," the President said in a statement.

"But we draw the line on the side of the public interest, which we will never allow to be violated with impunity."

Ms Macapagal has faced a siege by thousands of Estrada's supporters, an army mutiny, coup rumors and many protest rallies since she assumed power in 2001.

She said the opposition should help ensure clean, honest and peaceful elections.

"This is the least the opposition can do if it cannot forge a credible platform at this late hour," she said.

Estrada said the planned opposition protest was "bad karma" for Ms Macapagal but said he had no hand in it.

"They are now reaping the product of a bad seed. *Ginawa nila sa akin 'yun* (They did that to me)," Estrada told the INQUIRER from Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal, where he is detained on plunder charges.

He urged his followers to show their anger over the alleged misuse by Ms Macapagal of public funds by voting her out of office.

He laughed at the thought of another change in government through extra-legal means.

"That will surely turn us into a banana republic," he said.

Police message

The police, meanwhile, had this message to groups planning protest actions on May 1: Get a permit, hold the rally only in "lawful" areas, and keep it peaceful.

"First of all, we support the rallies provided they are peaceful and lawful," said Chief Supt. Joel Goltiao, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police.

"And they do not obstruct main thoroughfares," he added.

The military said it would deploy 2,000 troops in the streets on Labor Day. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

Reading the surveys: Is GMA really leading?

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dent Macapagal-Arroyo leads the presidential contenders with 35.3 percent, followed by Fernando Poe Jr, 30.8 percent; Panfilo Lacson, 10.6 percent; Raul Roco, 8.4 percent; Eddie Villanueva 4.0, and Eddie Gil, 0.05 percent.

The result was similar to Pulse Asia Inc.'s survey conducted on March 27 to April 4, where Ms Macapagal finally gained a lead with 34 percent over FPJ's 31 percent, breaking the statistical tie that had hounded them since the start of the campaign.

The survey was done on a sample of 4,800 nationally representative registered voters. Ms Macapagal enjoyed a slim lead of 1.6 percentage points as the survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 1.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

But Ibon Foundation's March 28 to April 4 survey of 1,300 respondents indicated otherwise. It was Poe who had a 7.7-point lead with 26.3 percent, not Ms Macapagal with 18.6 percent.

So who is really leading the presidential race? Is it Ms Macapagal or Poe? Or, as some analysts have pointed out—are they just in a dead heat?

Two numbers should be defined to understand survey results: the margin of error and the degree of confidence.

"Margin of error" is the possible range of error because a sample was used. It is used by pollsters to indicate the survey's uncertainty since not all voters were included in the survey.

In the latest SWS survey conducted April 10 to 17, the voters' preference rating of Ms Macapagal was 35.3 percent. Given a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, those who would vote for her would be in the range of a high 38.3 percent to a low 32.3 percent.

"Confidence level" is the degree of certainty of the results based on a sample. A margin of error with a 95 percent confidence level means that 5 percent of the time, or one out of every 20 times, the actual sentiment of the total voters does not lie within the reported margin of error. Thus, the degree of confidence is the likelihood that the real value falls in the margin of error.

Sampling error raises one of the difficult problems in the analysis of survey results. When is one candidate really ahead of the other?

Is it close or a tie?

Certainly, if the gap between the two candidates is less than the error margin, it cannot be said that one candidate is ahead of the other. What can be said is that the race is "close," the race is "roughly even," or there is "little difference between the candidates."

In the case of the March 21-29 SWS survey, when the difference of the ratings of Ms Macapagal and Poe was a mere 0.6 point, given a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, then there is a "statistical tie."

But it should not be called a "dead heat," unless the candidates are tied with the same percentages.

When the gap between the two candidates is equal to or more than twice the error margin—for example, using a margin of error of 3 percent, the gap is six percentage points—and there are only two candidates and no undecided voters, it can be said with confidence that Candidate A is clearly leading Candidate B.

Experienced American pollsters advise journalists that when the gap between two candidates is more than the error margin but less than twice the error margin, media reports should say that Candidate A "is ahead of," "has an advantage over" or "holds an edge over" Candidate B. Or the story should say "there is a small possibility" that Candidate A is ahead of Candidate B.

When there are more than two choices or more undecided voters, the question gets even more complicated.

In the latest SWS survey conducted April 10 to 17, the number of undecided respondents is 10.9 percent, which means one out of 10 voters is undecided. This is twice the gap of the survey votes for Poe and Ms Macapagal, or five times the gap if the margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent is considered.

Also to be considered are what recent SWS and Pulse Asia surveys call the "hard" or "soft" voters. "Hard" voters are those who said they have already made up their minds, while "soft" voters are those who said they may change their votes on May 10.

The fairest survey

Before the INQUIRER editors decide to run the results of a survey, they ask a few basic questions: Who did the survey? Are the pollsters competent enough to run a survey? And more importantly, is it really a survey?

"Survey" is a method of gathering information from a sample of individuals. Unlike a census, where all members of the population are studied, surveys gather information from a sample population.

Although it can be conducted in many ways—by telephone, mail or in person—in a properly designed and professionally conducted survey, the sample is not selected haphazardly. It is scientifically chosen so that each person in the population has a measurable chance of selection. This way, the results can be reliably projected from the sample to the larger population.

Man-on-the-street interviews are not surveys. Neither are call-in votes and mock elections.

So can a sample size of 1,300 registered voters speak for 43 million voters?

Take the taste test

Yes, in a well-designed survey. According to Dr. Romulo Virola, secretary general of the National Statistics and Coordination Board, surveys are like taste tests.

In his paper, "On Election Polls," posted on the NSCB website, he wrote: "You need not finish off a bowlful of *dinuguan* from a neighborhood *carinderia* to check if it is as yummy as the stew from the mother kitchen."

Virola in his paper also said that in measuring the quality of two diverging opinion surveys, one should ask the following: Who conducted the survey? Were the surveys commissioned (because this could affect the integrity of the results)? Do the two surveys have the same or different interview periods (which could explain the difference in results)?

Survey results are also affected by sample size, how the questions were phrased and when the questions were asked during the interview.

Survey results are likewise affected by the extent of the undecided and nonresponses, which may cloud the overall picture and the distribution of respondents.

Understanding surveys is tricky. But in a hotly contested presidential race, knowing how to analyze and use surveys could spell the difference between victory and defeat.

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4,545 PASS 2004 S&T SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

4,545 high school graduates who qualified after taking the S&T Scholarship Examination last November may now avail of the slots available for the RA 7687 Scholarships and DOST-SEI Merit Scholarships, Secretary Estrella Alabastro of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) announced. This year's qualifiers to the DOST-SEI S&T Scholarship Programs were chosen among 21,305 examinees from the various regions nationwide.

4,193 qualified under the 2004 RA 7687 Scholarships, while 352 will be awarded with the DOST-SEI Merit Scholarships. The scholarship privileges for both programs include school fees, book and transportation allowances and monthly stipend, among others.

The qualifiers will receive a notice of scholarship award from DOST-SEI which will include the schedule when the qualifier is supposed to report for contract signing and orientation with his/her parents. The documents required for the contract signing are : original and clear photocopy of Birth Certificate; accompanying parent's 2004 Residence Certificate and P50 notarization fee .

The Science Education Institute (SEI), a service agency of the DOST, administers the S&T Scholarship Programs designed as a capacity-building strategy to boost the country's scientific and technological human resource for the industries, research institutions and the academe. Aside from the benefits provided by the scholarship, scholars are also developed and prepared for leadership, quality performance and future employment through trainings, job fairs and referrals.

The names of qualifiers with question(s) on their citizenships are being withheld for further verification. Following are the qualifiers for the 2004 S&T Scholarships: (also available online thru: www.science-scholarships.ph.)

2004 DOST-SEI MERIT QUALIFIERS

2004 RA 7687 QUALIFIERS

Messages

I CONVEY my warmest congratulations to the young men and women who qualified in the 2004 Science and Technology Scholarships administered by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The development of our country's human resource in science and technology has been a priority of this administration to meet the challenges of economic development and the alleviation of poverty. The nation's economic viability, capacity for security and over-all quality of life depend on a workforce that is well-trained in science and technology.

To strengthen and sustain our country's S&T capabilities for social and economic growth, RA 7687 was enacted, making available to deserving and talented high school graduates about 4000 tertiary and post-secondary scholarship slots every year. Our goal is to develop a pool of highly trained scientists, engineers and technologists who will spearhead our efforts towards a strong Republic.

I am confident that this batch of S&T scholars will increase our reserve of qualified S&T workforce needed to keep the nation at pace with rapid innovations and changes that characterize the knowledge-based economy of the new millennium. I would like to commend the DOST-Science Education Institute for spearheading the country's scientific training through scholarships under RA 7687.

Congratulations, too, to the parents and mentors of the 2004 Science and Technology qualifiers for being primarily responsible for the achievements of these children. Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

IT IS WITH great honor and pride that I congratulate the qualifiers in the highly competitive 2004 DOST-SEI Science and Technology Scholarships. I also extend my warmest felicitations to their respective families.

Science, engineering and technology play an increasingly vital role in enabling and shaping the progress of our country. We must have world-class scientists, engineers and technologists needed to meet the requirements of global competitiveness of Philippine industries.

One of the goals of Philippine science and technology is to develop an adequate number of quality scientists and engineers and leaders in S & T endeavors. To realize this goal, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through the Science Education Institute (SEI) awards various science scholarships to talented and deserving students who intend to pursue science and technology courses in the tertiary and post-secondary levels. The science and technology scholarship program under Republic Act No. 7687 or the Science and Technology Act of 1994 has helped the government's poverty alleviation efforts by increasing access to quality education in S & T as well as by putting a premium on excellence to enable our beneficiaries to survive or even lead in a globally competitive environment.

For the ten remarkable years of implementing the RA 7687 Scholarship Program, its continuing commitment to improve the S & T human resource in the country and for the new crop of future young scientists and technologists, I would like to extend also my warmest congratulations to the Science Education Institute.

ESTRELLA F. ALABASTRO
Secretary
Department of Science and Technology

THE SCIENCE Education Institute (SEI) of DOST has turned a milepost this year as it celebrates 10 years of implementation of the science and technology scholarship program under Republic Act No. 7687 which was enacted on March 2, 1994.

Through this span of time, we have noted the growing number of students wanting to be DOST-SEI scholars, an indication of the youth's renewed interest in science and technology (S&T). With the full implementation of RA 7687, substantial allocations for tertiary and post secondary level scholarships among priority fields in S&T have been availed by high school graduates coming from different barangays, towns and cities of the country.

By far the biggest scholarship program of the institute, the RA 7687 scholarship program has produced not only science scholars but also science achievers.

Under the various scholarship programs, DOST-SEI shall support again this year a new crop of future scientists, engineers and technologists. With the S&T scholarships, they are assured of a quality education and a bright future.

Thus, I welcome and extend my heartiest congratulations to the 2004 S&T scholarship awardees. We hope that you will carry on the tradition of academic excellence and personal commitment to serve the country, values that are expected of you as DOST-SEI scholars so that you will become effective partners of government in its efforts toward economic progress.

Mabuhay ang mga Bagong Iskolar sa Agham at Teknolohiya!

ESTER B. OGENA
Director
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2004 MERIT QUALIFIERS

2004 RA 7687 QUALIFIERS

A DECADE OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGH R.A. 7687 SCHOLARSHIPS

THE FUTURE demands and challenges for economic development will always rest on one of the major factors for growth - technological advancement and innovation. The development and sustainability of technological innovations depend on the adequate supply of qualified scientific and technological workforce produced by quality education. The needs of the industries which create impact on the Philippine economy should be addressed for them to be able to continuously contribute to economic growth.

In the early 90's, several policy studies and recommendations on Science and Technology (S&T) human resources revealed the need to produce a critical mass of S&T workers to attain the status of a newly industrializing country or NIC. This entailed the implementation of a massive scholarship program in priority areas of S&T relevant to the production, R&D and education sectors. Thus, in 1994, Republic Act 7687, better known as the S&T Scholarship Act of 1994, was passed. Since then, about 3,500 scholarship slots for baccalaureate and technology courses are made available each year to deserving students.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), through the Science Education Institute (SEI), has been mandated to administer RA 7687, together with its long-running S&T scholarship program started in 1958. Today, several scholarship programs in S&T are implemented by DOST-SEI to stimulate and entice talented Filipino youths to pursue lifetime productive careers in science, and ensure a steady adequate supply of qualified S&T human resources which can steer the country toward economic progress.

Thus, besides RA 7687, other science scholarship offerings are made available to the students who are academically talented or inclined toward science and mathematics. These include the DOST-SEI Merit Scholarships, Science Teaching Scholarships, and the Junior Level Assistance Program (JLAP).

The DOST-SEI Merit Scholarship Program, is the long-running scholarship program formerly known as the NSDB or NSTA Scholarship, which allocates 270 slots every year. Merit scholars pursue priority courses in the basic and applied sciences at DOST-SEI identified universities. The Physics Teaching Scholarships are granted to qualified high school graduates who wish to pursue physics teaching course and qualified incoming sophomore and junior college physics teaching majors at the Regional Science Teaching Centers in the country. The JLAP scholarships are awarded to qualified third year college students who are enrolled in priority engineering courses and other basic and applied sciences.

The Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994: In Retrospect

Considering the increasing number of outstanding scholar-graduates year after year, DOST-SEI gained the overwhelming support of the country's legislators with the swift enactment of Republic Act No. 7687. The law was signed on March 2, 1994 by then Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos. The scholarship has an annual budget of P300 million from the General Appropriations Act.

This scholarship program, which covers BS, technician and technical levels, is open to poor, talented and deserving students whose socio-economic status are determined based on their annual family gross income and other indicators. In addition, the applicants must belong to the upper 5% of the high school graduating class, be natural-born Filipino citizens, in good health, good moral character, residents of their municipalities in the last 4 years, and be qualifiers of the S&T Scholarship Examination.

Scholarship privileges include tuition and other school fees inclusive of outright grant for consumables of technician awardees, book allowance, clothing allowance for MS/PE uniform for first year awardees, transportation allowance; monthly living allowance, group health and accident insurance every semester/term, and additional privileges during summer, if required in the curricula of the scholars.

The RA 7687 scholarship awardees enroll at any CHED recognized programs/Centers of Excellence or institutions with full registration status under TESDA.

They are required to maintain satisfactory academic performance for the entire duration of their scholarship grant. They shall also serve the country after completion of their courses on full-time basis along their fields of training by rendering service to their provinces or municipalities.

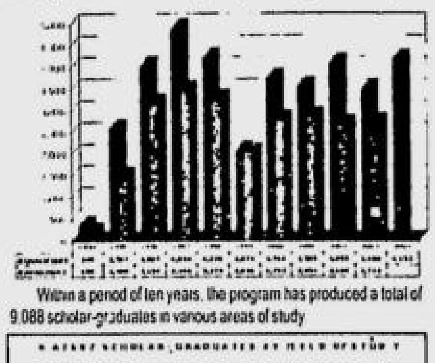
The program was initially implemented in the 19 poorest provinces in the country, with qualifying examinations administered to 1,608 students in 19 test centers in April 1994. Scholarships for Academic Year (AY) 1994-1995 were granted to 237 students under the BS program, and to 108 in the Technology program, or a total of 345 comprising the first batch of beneficiaries.

Facilitating initial implementation in 1994-1995 were two donations: P2 million from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and P6 million from the DOST-Grant-in-Aid-fund.

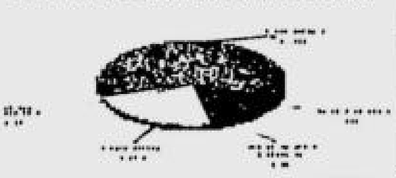
A new law, RA No. 8248, "Further Strengthening the Science and Technology Program of the Government", supplemented the appropriation for the S&T Scholarship Program under RA 7687. It designated prioritization for beneficiaries from 5th and 6th class municipalities. The additional budget for RA 7687 scholars increased by P6M per month for the first 2 years of the program and P7M per month for the third and fourth years, which was placed at P300M per year for the next four years. This amount was taken from PAGCOR's net income.

In 1994, an initial run of the program was implemented with limited slots available owing to only a partial release of funds. However, a full implementation of the program started in 1995, with 13,147 high school students taking the S&T Scholarship Examination in November 1994.

The following shows the profile of RA 7687 scholarship availment from 1994 to 2003 (the figure for scholarship availment in 2004 will only be available when this year's qualifiers sign the contract):



Within a period of ten years, the program has produced a total of 9,088 scholar-graduates in various areas of study.



Moreover, a significant number of scholars graduated with honors: 4 scholars graduated Summa Cum Laude, 47 finished as Magna Cum Laude and 324 Cum Laude graduates while 478 scholars had various academic honor.

Annually, scholars who graduated with honors are feted in a recognition ceremony dubbed as "In Touch with Excellence" held in July during the National Science and Technology Week (NSTW) Celebration.

The management of the RA 7687 Scholarship Program was decentralized to the DOST Regional Offices to effectively serve the scholars. The decentralization also utilized the University Coordinator scheme by involving tertiary institutions where a large number of the scholars are enrolled.

Information dissemination on RA 7687 S&T Scholarship Program and other scholarships has been greatly enhanced with the creation and launching of the Philippine S&T Scholarship Website, www.science-scholarships.ph, on July 18, 2000. Application forms are now downloadable from this website.

The S&T Learning Assistance Program (STLAP) was also developed as a year-round support program for RA 7687 Scholarship Program. It aims to ensure the scholars' academic success and socio-psychological development, help them cope with the rigours of college life, and prepare them adequately for their chosen careers in the various S&T fields. Strategies for this support program include Counseling, Career Talk Series, Mentorship, Summer Practical Training, Occupational Orientation, Values Clarification, and Entrepreneurship Skills Training.

Learning resource centers have also been established in UP Diliman, MSU-IIT and other leading universities where DOST-SEI have provided computers and other ICT materials to help the scholars in their coursework.

The huge number of graduates from all over the country and the limited employment opportunities make it increasingly difficult for applicants to find jobs relevant to their education. To assist the scholar-graduates in finding employment, the DOST-SEI regularly holds a Job Fair and Seminar on Job Hunting Strategies in Metro Manila and the regions. Private companies in different industries, government agencies and other employers whose businesses involve or make use of S&T were tapped to open their doors to the scholar-graduates.

For the last two years, about 1500 graduates from all over the country participated in the S&T Job Fair with several scholars getting accepted in jobs they applied for.

Within the 10-year period, majority of the scholar-graduates have been deployed in private firms, a number of them in the government and academic sectors while other pursued further studies.

Today, RA 7687 remains a stronghold in the area of S&T Human Resource Development. It is not only responsible for developing the much-needed critical mass of S&T workers, it has also opened the doors to a better life for poor and talented students even in the most disadvantaged areas of the country. It has democratized the opportunity to quality education and will continuously produce potential technological innovators who will be responsible in making industry leaders compete in the global market. Looking back, RA 7687 can perhaps be regarded as one of the key legislations that would someday enable the country to be an important player in the global economy.

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Gov. Luis Robredo Villafuerte Sr. has sustained his province-wide political machinery through victories in three consecutive terms.

The family has always dominated the province's second district although some of its members do not always win.

The clan's political roots were planted by Mariano Villafuerte, who was appointed governor of the province during the Japanese Occupation. After his appointive term ended, he ran for election and won.

His son, Luis, who followed in his footsteps, is on his last term as governor and is running for representative of the vote-rich second district against Rep. Sulpicio Roco Jr., a younger brother of presidential candidate Raul S. Roco.

Jojo Villafuerte, a nephew of Luis, is challenging the reelection bid of Naga City Mayor Jesse Robredo, who entered politics as a protégé of Villafuerte Sr. Robredo bowed out after he completed a third term in 1998 but made a successful comeback in 2001.

Robredo has been cited many times both here and abroad as a model administrator and his city, Naga, as a model local government. In 2000 Robredo was given the award for government service by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

With Luis going for a congressional seat, the governorship is fair game for new aspirants and there has been a realignment of forces among the clans for political dominance of the province.

In the 2001 elections, all the other families united against the Villafuertes to defeat Luis. This year the anti-Villafuerte alliance of the Fuentebellas, the Andayas and the Alfelors has dissolved as they all gun for the governorship.

The three-cornered fight for the gubernatorial position includes candidate Luis Raymund "LRay" Villafuerte Jr., the son of Luis.

The Alfelors are fielding Emmanuel Alfelor, last-term mayor of Iriga City and younger brother of incumbent Rep. Felix Alfelor of the 4th district who is running for reelection. Niece Madeleine Alfelor-Gasmin, incumbent board member, is gunning for the mayoral seat that Emmanuel is vacating.

The Fuentebellas and the Andayas are both supporting the gubernatorial bid of Rep. William Felix "Wimpy" Fuentebella, one of the ringleaders of the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. last year.

Wimpy's running mate is Salvador Andaya Señar, a first cousin of Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr.

His father, former Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella, is making a comeback bid, running for the congressional seat being vacated by Wimpy.

The province's first district is the domain of the Andayas whose political dominance began when Rolando Andaya Sr. was elected representative and served for three consecutive terms. He then ran for senator and lost.

He was succeeded by son Rolando Jr. who is now running for a last term. Like his father, Rolando Jr. chairs the powerful House appropriations committee.

Rolando Sr.'s sister, Maruja Andaya-Señar, also served as mayor of Ragay town. She is married to former provincial budget officer Salvador "Badong" Señar.

Their son, Salvador, having completed three terms as mayor of Magarao, is now running for vice governor. His wife Lourdes Aven-Señar who succeeded him as Magarao mayor is running for reelection.

Salvador's son, "Yepyep," a former provincial Sanggunian Federation president, is running for board member.

Another Señar son, Warren, is on his second term as board member. He is married to a daughter of the mayor of Ragay town, Renato Aquino.

Albay

In Albay, outgoing Gov. Al Francis Bichara is fielding his father, Alfonso, to succeed him. Opposing the elder Bichara is Ligao City Mayor Fernando Gonzales, whose wife, Linda, is eyeing the mayoral post, which is also being contested by the governor's brother, Steve.

Some Albay towns have their own incipient family dynasties, among them the Kare family of Malinao town and the Berangco family of Bacacay. They all follow the pattern of one family member vying to succeed to the post vacated by another relative.

In the first district, former Rep. Edcel Lagman is making a bid to regain the post he held from 1989 to 1998, now held by his daughter, Krisel Lagman-Luistro.

In the 2nd district redoubt of the Imperial family, councilor Michael Imperial is running for mayor of Legazpi City, once held by his father Benjamin Imperial Jr. and uncle Gregorio S. Imperial.

The Imperials trace their political roots to the late Assemblyman Domingo Imperial, a founding member of the Liberal Party.

Michael's uncle, 2nd district Rep. Carlos "Papay" Imperial, is seeking reelection.

In Albay's third district, Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda is running again. His father, Jesus Salceda, is the mayor of Polangui. Brother Jesap has chaired the province's barangay federation since 1994.

A nephew, Jesciel Salceda, is the Albay Sanggunian Kabataan president.

Sorsogon

The main political families of Sorsogon are the Escuderos and the Lees.

Salvador "Sonny" Escudero, a Cabinet member under former Presidents Ferdinand Marcos and Fidel Ramos, is running for senator in the opposition Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino. His son, Francis, is a reelectionist congressional candidate for the first district, a position the elder Escudero held for three terms before his son took over in 1998.

Antonio "Kruni" Escudero, Sonny's younger brother, is a reelectionist candidate for vice governor.

Oscar, Sonny's uncle, a former mayor of Casiguran, is making a comeback bid against the incumbent Edwin Hamor.

The Lees are well represented by Raul Lee, running for his third term as a governor against Josephine Frivaldo, the daughter of his deceased political rival, Juan Frivaldo.

Lee's wife, Sorsogon City Mayor Sally Lee, is running for reelection and being opposed by longtime rival former Bacon Mayor Leovic Dioneda.

Batangas

If Tito Aguirre, the provincial information officer, is to be believed, there is no such thing as political dynasties in Batangas, "only members of the historical families who want to revive the family name that used to be a great name in history."

Those families would be the Rectos and the Laurels, two of the most distinguished political names in the country's history.

The Rectos of Lipa are trying to revive the political legacy of their grandfather, Claro M. Recto, the revered nationalist who was president of the 1935 Constitutional Convention, Supreme Court justice and a longtime congressman and senator.

His son, Rafael Recto, was a member of the Marcos-era Batasang Pambansa.

Rafael's son Ralph was congressman of Batangas' 4th district from 1992 to 2001 before becoming senator.

In 1992, celebrity and clan power came together when Ralph married the popular movie actress, Vilma Santos. Vilma was soon recruited into the family-business. She is now running for a third term as mayor of Lipa.

The senator's older brother, Ricardo "Ricky" Recto, was vice governor from 1995 to 1998, and is running for reelection.

The Laurels of Tanauan are also trying to revive the family's political ascendancy in the province dating back to Jose Laurel Sr., the jurist who became President of the Philippines in 1943 during the Japanese Occupation.

But Peter Laurel, the incumbent vice governor, has decided not to seek a second term.

Three sons of Laurel Sr. became legislators in the pre-martial law Congress. The late Jose P. Laurel Jr. was a longtime Speaker of the House of Representatives. Salvador Laurel, who died in January, was a senator in the old Congress and assemblyman of the Marcos-era Batasang Pambansa. He was Vice President of the first post-Edsa government of President Aquino.

Peter is the son of Laurel Sr.'s third son, Sotero Laurel, who was senator from 1989 to 1992 and Senate President Pro tempore from 1990 to 1991.

The Dimacuhas and Berberabes of Batangas City are the most entrenched political families in Batangas' second district.

Mayor Conrado "Dado" Berberabe was mayor from 1980 to 1986 but was replaced by Joel Atienza after the first Edsa revolution.

In 1989, Berberabe's nephew, Eduardo Dimacuha, won and served until 1998 after which his son, Don-don, took over but served for only one term.

In 2001, Eduardo again ran for mayor and won. He is now seeking a second term. Don-don, whose wife is a city councilor, is now running for vice governor.

Librado Cabrera and his wife have alternated as mayor of Taal. When the husband finished his third term in 1998, his wife ran for the post and won, but served only one term. Her husband ran in 2001 and is now seeking a second term.

In Ibaan town, former Mayor Artemio "Boy" Chua, whose term ended in 2001, had his younger brother William run for mayor. Now that William's first term is ending, Artemio is planning a comeback.

In the first district of Western Batangas, the family of Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita is vying for dominance with another political family, the Apacibles.

After coming up against the three-term limit in 2001, Ermita got his daughter, Eileen Ermita-Buhain, to run for the post. She defeated her opponent Charito Apacible, the wife of Dong Apacible, the mayor of Nasugbu in the 1980s.

Eileen is now running for reelection and Charito is running for governor.

Dong ran for congressman and won in 1989, but lost his reelection bid to Ermita in 1992.

Charito's son, Raymund, has been mayor of Nasugbu for two terms and is seeking a third term.

Laguna

At least six prominent names holding various posts in the local and congressional levels are battling it out in Laguna whose second district is in the grip of political tension because of the fierce rivalry between two clans for the House seat and mayoral post of Calamba City.

Calamba Mayor Severino Lajara and his younger brother Saturnino of the ruling Lakas-CMD are up against the father-and-son tandem of incumbent Rep. Joaquin Chipeco Jr. and his son, Timmy, of the opposition KNP.

Lajara, who served three consecutive terms, is running for congressman while his brother is seeking to take over as city mayor.

The elder Chipeco, who has also ended his nine-year stint at the House, is running for mayor of Calamba. His son is running against Lajara for the House seat.

The Chipecos have been wielding power longer than the Lajaras, Joaquin's grandfather, Dominador, having been provincial governor in the 1960s.

The Lajaras are fairly recent entrants, having started when Severino won the mayoral race in 1995. His son, Niño, has been the Sangguniang Kabataan chair for six years, and is now running for the city council.

Severino's older brother, Diosdado, is head of the Federation of Barangays in Calamba. Another brother, Anacleto, is the barangay chair of Makiling.

In Biñan, the daughter of former Mayor Arthur Alonte, Lenlen, is running as vice mayor.

Members of political clans usually help and support one another but not the Ramos family of Bay who are going up against each other.

Mayor Edwin Ramos of the Lakas-CMD is seeking reelection and is opposed by his uncle, former Mayor Bruno Ramos. Last December, the younger Ramos accused his uncle of allegedly masterminding the murder of his close ally, peasant leader Romy Malabanan.

Former Sen. Ernesto Maceda, who is running again for the Senate, has fielded his son, Erwin, in the congressional race for Laguna's fourth district.

In Calauan town, Ubaldo C. Brion, a close relative of jailed former Mayor Antonio Brion Sanchez, is going up against incumbent Mayor Buenafrido T. Berris of the Lakas-CMD. Berris wrested the post that had been held by the Sanchez clan for almost 50 years.

Two Sanchez relatives are also running for vice mayor, Eduardo Sanchez Sr. and June Joseph Brion.

Sanchez's son Allan Jun Sanchez is seeking reelection as councilor.

Sta. Rosa Mayor Leon Arcillas is running for reelection while his daughter, Arlene Arcillas-Nazareno, is running for councilor. His son, Ariel, is the national president of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

In Victoria town, the dominant Rebong clan is again being challenged by Dr. Dwight Kampitan, the son of a former mayor.

Mayor Renato Rebong is running for a third term. Three Rebong relatives are vying for positions in the town council.

In Mabitac town, incumbent Mayor Apollo Aguilar, who succeeded the slain former mayor, is running against a lone rival. A relative, Conrado Jose Aguilar, is running for vice mayor.

A similar situation prevails in Famy town where Emmanuel Acomular and Cesar Acomular are running for mayor and vice mayor, respectively.

Pakil town has three Cadsawan, three Macabasco, two Fajardo and two Regalado candidates vying for seats in the town council.

Cavite

A known election "hot spot," Cavite is where the fierce rivalry between two political families—the Remullas and the Revillas—is being fought out.

The Remullas got their start when the family patriarch, Juanito, became governor in 1975, serving until 1986. He again ran for the post in 1989 and held it until 1995, when he was defeated by Epimaco Velasco, a former policeman and director of the National Bureau of Investigation. Velasco is attempting a comeback in May.

Three of Remulla's sons are running in May. Incumbent Vice Governor John Vic Remulla is seeking reelection. His younger brother Rep. Gilbert Cesar Remulla is a reelectionist candidate for congressman in the second district. Another brother, Crispin, is running for congressman in the third district.

The Revillas are not contesting any local post at this time. Sen. Ramon Revilla is on his last term as senator. His son, Ramon Revilla Jr., who was defeated in his bid for reelection as governor in 2001, is now running for the Senate.

Gov. Ireneo Maliesi, who beat Revilla in 2001 with the help of the Remullas, is running for reelection and has dropped support for Crispin Remulla in favor of his opponent, Silang Mayor Ruben Madlangsacay.

Ireneo's son, Imus Vice Mayor Manny Maliksi, is a reelectionist candidate.

Quezon

At least three big political clans are vying for supremacy in their respective bailiwicks in Quezon.

Lucena City Mayor Ramon Talaga Jr. (Lakas-CMD), is running for his last term. His eldest son, Romano, the most senior member of the city council, is contesting the 2nd district congressional seat of Rep. Lynette Punzalan, also of the Lakas-CMD.

Environmentalist-businessman Proceso Alcala of the Liberal Party, and one of the three scions of the Alcala political clan, has made it a three-way electoral contest in the 2nd district.

Two Alcalas, Vicente and Dondon, are seeking reelection to the provincial council and Lucena's vice mayoral post, respectively.

Proceso and Vicente are sons of Eming Alcala, former vice governor of Quezon, while Dondon is the grandson of Anacleto Alcala, the provincial governor in the 1960s and 1970s, and a younger brother of Eming.

In the Bondoc Peninsula, former Rep. Danilo Suarez is attempting a comeback and running for the lone congressional district. His wife, incumbent Rep. Aleta Suarez, is giving way and has not sought reelection.

Their son, David, a provincial board member and president of the Quezon Municipal Councilors League, is running for governor.

Occidental Mindoro

Occidental Mindoro's politics is like the "*pandango sa ilaw*" where dancers exchange the lighted candles on their heads with those they are holding in their hands. The one whose lit candles fall is not only burned but loses the game.

This is how Remigio Agpalo describes the political situation in the province in his book "Pandango sa Ilaw Politics of Occidental Mindoro" published in 1998.

Josephine Ramirez-Sato won the governorship of Occidental Mindoro in 1992. Jose Villarosa was the congressman from 1992 to 1998.

When Villarosa was jailed for his alleged involvement in the Dec. 13, 1997 killing of the brothers Michael and Paul Quintos, Villarosa's wife, Amelita, ran for the congressional seat in 1998 against businessman Ricardo Quintos, the father of the slain Quintos brothers.

Amelita won but was unseated when Quintos won his election protest in November 2000 and had to give up the last seven months of her term.

When Sato's term as governor ended in 2001, Jose Villarosa ran for governor and won. Sato then successfully ran for and won the congressional post that the Villarosas had lost.

Oriental Mindoro

Renato Leviste, Oriental Mindoro's first district congressman for three terms from 1992 to 2001, is again running for the post. His wife, Charity, who took over from 2001 to 2004, is now running for mayor of Calapan City.

Her nephew Arnan Panaligan, three-term mayor from 1996 to 2004, is now running for vice governor.

Arnan's father is Charity's brother. Her second cousin, Ronald Panaligan, who was the Provincial Youth Council chair, is running for board member.

Palawan

Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn is seeking reelection while his brother, Douglas, chief for the past nine years of the province's Association of Barangay Captains, is running for councilor.

Mark Hagedorn, Douglas' son, is also a barangay chair.

Rep. Vicente Sandoval Sr., the patriarch of the Sandoval family whose political influence straddles Metro Manila and Palawan because of their extensive fishing interests, is running for governor after serving three congressional terms.

His wife, Fidela, is running for Congress. Son Ricky is seeking reelection as representative of Navotas, Metro Manila. Ricky's wife, Jeannie, is running for mayor of Navotas.

The race for Palawan's governor is a three-cornered fight between Sandoval, incumbent Gov. Joel Reyes and first-term board member Gerardo Ortega.

Reyes' brother, Marjo, is running for mayor of Coron town. Marjo is the incumbent vice mayor of Coron. *Reports from Juan Escandor Jr., Mei Magsino, Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Marlon Ramos, Romulo Ponte, Donna Virola, Jofelle Tesorio, Geraldford P. Ticke, Ronnie Lorejo, Alan Pelayo, Michael B. Jaucian, Job Belen and Emir Emano Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Beauty is in their inspiring life stories

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mal teenage activities, she was seriously contemplating the meaning of life.

"I was only 13 when I started asking questions about who I really was and what I should be doing," Alapilde said with a laugh.

She said she would spend hours praying in the chapel at the Immaculate Conception Academy where she studied.

In the second year of her journalism course at the University of Sto. Tomas, Alapilde decided to enter the Dominican Sisters of the Annunciata convent in Cubao.

"I felt I had to respond to the call. I had seen how the nuns in my school lived and I wanted to imbibe their way of life," she said.

For the next three years, Alapilde did what she felt she was destined to do.

Assigned to Pangasinan, she felt very sure that she had a vocation.

The right decision

"I told many people how I had made the right decision, leaving the university in the service of God," Alapilde said.

With her warm and bubbly personality, Alapilde said she got along well with the other novices, playing basketball and singing with them in their free time.

But she also experienced doubts and loneliness during the long hours of meditation and prayer.

"I realized I was young then and still emotionally unstable," Alapilde said.

She missed her family very much and realized that a life of sole service to God would mean a life away from the people she loved.

In November 1998, six months before she was to take her final vows, Alapilde left the convent to resume her studies and rejoin her family.

"It was a very painful decision to make," she said.

"I had wanted to become a nun so badly but I had to accept that it was not for me," she said.

Master's in psychology

Alapilde got a job as a production editor for a television program. She also decided to finish her course in religious studies at the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies.

After graduation, she went for a master's degree in psychology at the University of the Philippines.

"After hopping from one job to another, being a production editor, salesperson, even a computer school registrar, I realized I still felt this need to help others," she said.

She finally found her true vocation in the practice of psychology.

"I have found my purpose in helping mentally challenged patients at the Philippine Mental Health Institute," she said.

She said dealing with mentally ill adults and children was far from easy but she finds it "challenging and beautiful."

"I realized that this was the kind of life I wanted, to still be in a life of service but in a different way," Alapilde said.

"The decisions I made in the past, no matter how astounding they were at the time, made me the person I am today," she added.

Manguiat's story is simple but no less inspiring.

Hers is a tale of a girl who wanted to grow up exactly like the mother she adored.

Herself now a mother to a 7-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl, Manguiat balances her job as a member of the congressional staff of her father, La Union Rep. Manuel Ortega, with her family life.

Mother taught her well

Manguiat said her mother Geraldine, a housewife, had taught her to take care of herself and the people she loves well.

"I grew up in the shadow of my mother's love, that is why people say I look younger than my 36 years," she said with a smile.

She said that she will pass down to her children what her mother taught her.

"My mom did not really teach me extraordinary things, but she showed she was a woman of strength by loving me and molding me into who I am now," Manguiat said.

"And I'm striving hard to be exactly like her," she added.

The Search for the Dove Discovery was not so much about conventional beauty as it was about moving women to write about their personal histories.

The contest was a nationwide search for women with simple but inspiring stories that would promote a "beauty that is not typecast," said Alex Tacderas, senior brand manager of Dove soap, the sponsor.

Of the 4,000 women who submitted their stories in October 2003, 10 finalists were chosen. Dove users were asked to vote for the finalists whom they related to and identified with the most.

Alapilde and Manguiat received a cash prize of P100,000 each and a year's supply of Dove products. They will also be the Dove talents for one year.

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Destileria takes down Kinse ad

By Tina Santos

MEMBERS of concerned groups can now heave a sigh of relief after the maker of Napoleon brandy finally took down its "Kinse Años" billboards.

Women's group Gabriela immediately claimed victory over the development.

"They were forced to take a graceful retreat because of the extent of the negative reaction triggered by the ad," Gabriela president Liza Maza said.

However, Destileria Limtuaco explained that the taking down of the billboard ad was part of the firm's marketing campaign.

New campaign

"(We're coming out with) new television and billboard advertisements," Olivia Limpe-Aw, the liquor company's executive vice president, said in a statement.

The new billboard ad shows four men raising their glasses in a toast and carries the tagline "Nakatikim na Sila!"

The previous billboard of the brandy, which several groups claimed had double meaning as it allegedly suggests men's preference for 15-year-old girls, carried the tagline "Nakatikim Ka Na Ba ng Kinse Anyos?"

Mayor fears violence in Antipolo

By Luige del Puerto

FEARS are high that election violence would explode in Antipolo with no less than the mayor seeking protection from the Army and pleading with the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to place the city under its control.

"I have fears," Gatlabayan said. "That is why I requested that the Army be sent here and that the Comelec place the city under its control."

He said he wanted soldiers to protect his home and the city hall.

Clash with PDEA

This developed a week after supporters of Gatlabayan clashed with local Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) agents, whom the mayor said was taking the side of his political rival who he identified as Ronaldo Puno.

Puno is running against the mayor's wife, Josefina, for the city's congressional seat.

A law enforcement officer in Antipolo, however, said that he was more concerned over Gatlabayan's armed supporters than any other group.

"*May mas* show of force *ang* mayor," the officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Trouble began with the placing of posters along Sumulong Highway at dawn Saturday.

Last week, according to the police, supporters of both Gatlabayan and Puno clashed over campaign materials placed in non-common poster areas.

Charge, countercharge

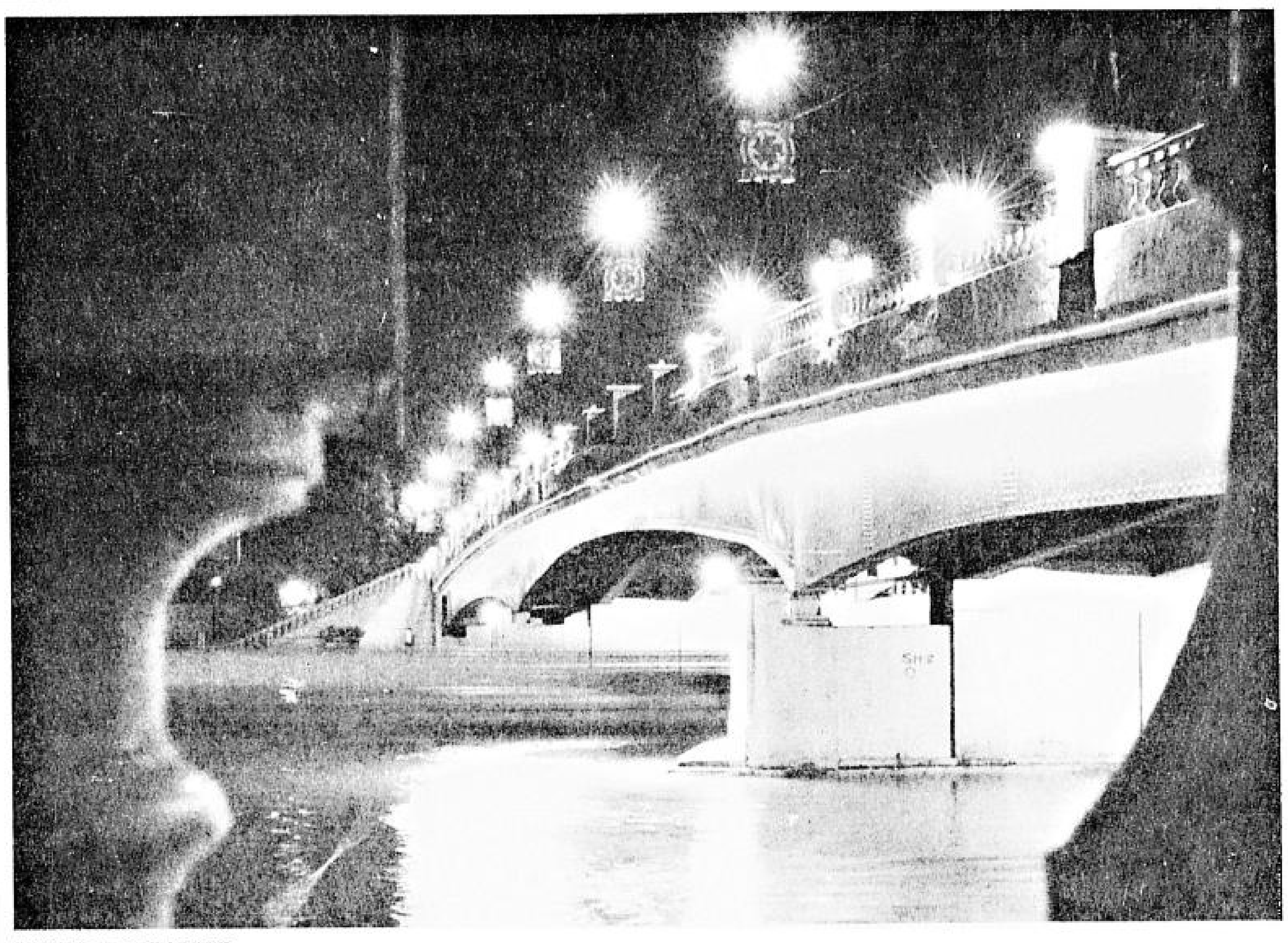
The police said PDEA agents arrived and chased the mayor's supporters, who sought help at the Olalia Police sub-station.

PDEA agent PO2 Manuel Bayeng claimed that the mayor and his supporters mauled him.

Gatlabayan said his supporters attacked Bayeng and that he was the one who stopped them.

The mayor filed charges against Bayeng and PO3 Arnold Yu and PO2 Joener Ojas, also PDEA agents.

The officers have filed a counter-charge of frustrated homicide, grave threat, grave misconduct and abuse of authority before the Ombudsman.



BRIDGE OF LIGHT
A river barge is all but a blur as it passes under the Jones Bridge, which is lit up by dozens of light bulbs.
EDWIN BACASMAS

Rigors of election campaign taking toll on wannabes

By Luige del Puerto

THE MONTHLONG election campaign has taken its toll on the health of some local candidates.

Local candidates in Marikina have been suffering from various mild illnesses as the campaign period entered its last two weeks.

Many of them have sore throat, like Mayor Marides Lourdes Fernando.

Runny nose

The mayor, who is seeking reelection, has been nursing a sore throat for about month now. On Wednesday, she started having a runny nose.

"I'm okay, just a sore throat because I speak all the time," said Fernando, who has almost daily speaking engagements.

Her main rival, actor and former councilor Sonny Parsons, is also losing his voice.

"*Paos na ako*," Parsons said in a phone interview. "But other than that, my health is okay. I exercise a lot."

Energy draining

Both candidates have campaigned vigorously these past few days. Their campaign strategy involves mostly a house to house campaign, a time-consuming, energy-draining activity.

Parsons, at times, rides a horse when he goes out on his sorties.

But it is not all bad news for the candidates' health.

In Mandaluyong City, Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr., who is running for Congress, has already lost between eight to 10 pounds since the local campaign period started.

"I used to weigh about 170 lbs. Now, I'm down to 160 or 162," he said.

But Abalos said his skin, exposed to the harsh rays of the sun at least seven hours a day, has begun to darken.

Diarrhea

"*Malapit ko nang maging kasingkulay ang tatay ko*," he said, referring to Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr.

The younger Abalos said he has also been suffering from diarrhea.

The candidates' routines are predictable and differ only a little from each other.

On certain days, candidates leave home at 6 a.m., having retired only four or five hours earlier.

Noon break

Antipolo Mayor Angelito Gatlabayan finished a caucus at 4 a.m. Thursday. He slept for only five hours, waking up at 9 a.m. to meet shortly with reporters.

Abalos hits the campaign trail at 7 a.m. and takes a break at about 10 or 11 a.m. to eat lunch.

He resumes the house to house campaign at 2 p.m., then rests at 5 a.m., before going out for caucuses at night starting at 7 p.m.

The caucuses could last until 12 midnight. He takes 15 to 30 minute catnaps whenever he could throughout the day.

"By the time you go home, you are really very, very tired already," he said.

Local candidates have to maximize the 45 days of campaigning allotted to them by the Commission on Elections.

Shaking hands

None complained of muscle pain from smiling all day and spending much of their time shaking people's hands

Their efforts, if they win, will be rewarded with three years of sitting in power.

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Landlord stabbed dead

A TURF dispute is believed to have led to the killing of 46-year-old Alberto Milla, a resident of the Parola Compound in Binondo, Manila. One of his alleged attackers, identified as 27-year-old Pedro Surigao, a padlock vendor, was also injured in the incident and is confined at the Gat Andres Bonifacio Hospital. The two other suspects, identified only as Adoy and Jerry, are at large. SPO4 Alfredo Salazar revealed that the three suspects were banging on the wall of Milla's house at around 8 p.m. Friday when Milla confronted them and engaged them in a fight. Salazar said Milla earlier asked the suspects to leave the area. ***Kate Pedroso, Leila Salaverria***

Slain over traffic

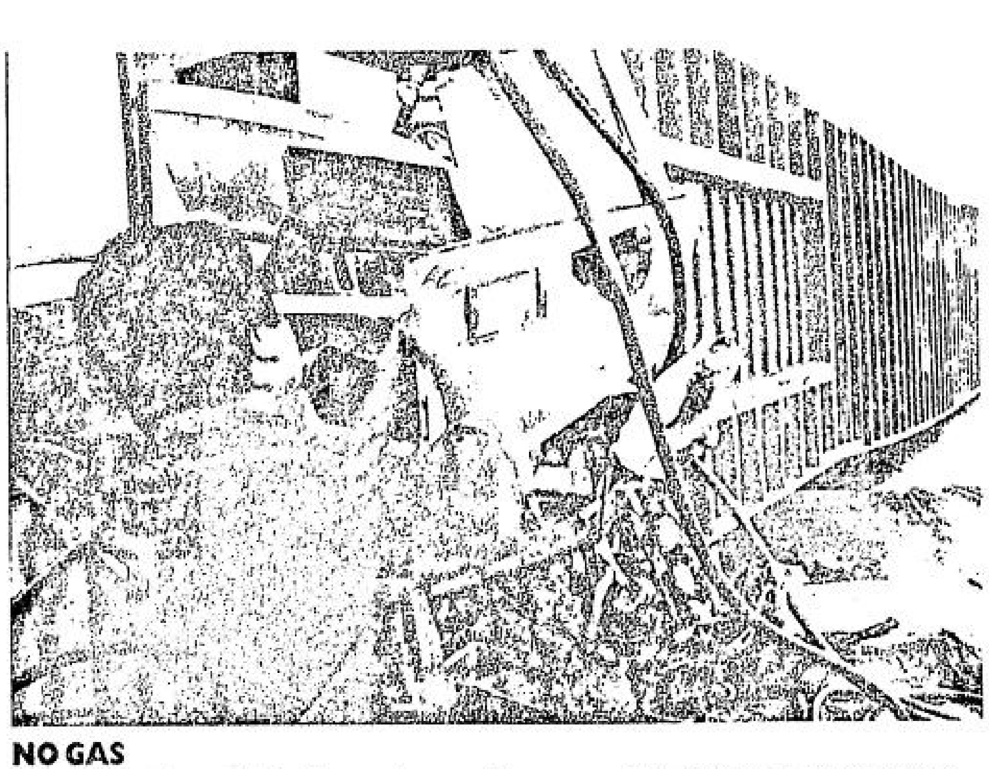
AUTHORITIES are hunting down a policeman who shot dead a tricycle driver over a traffic altercation in Quezon City yesterday afternoon. Insp. Armando Pablo, reportedly assigned to the PNP Region 13 allegedly shot Andres Labunao, 34, of Kingspoint Street, Barangay Bagbag, Novaliches at about 2:30 p.m. in Area B Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon, Novaliches. Initial investigation showed that Labunao, who was driving his tricycle, and Pablo, who was behind the wheel of his Isuzu Elf truck, had a heated argument after the triker, refusing to let the policeman overtake him. ***Tina Santos***

Transport show pageant

TRANS Sport Show 2004, which is on until today at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall B, Ortigas Center, Edsa, Mandaluyong City is in search of Ms. Trans Sport Show 2004. Now on its 6th year, the search is open to all promotional girls employed by the different exhibitors for the event. Aside from possessing beauty, poise and a pleasing personality, the criteria includes the level of knowledge the contestant has about the product she is promoting and the manner by which she carries herself while endorsing the product to show visitors. The winner will be designated as the show's Ambassadress of Goodwill.

Abeleda Jr.; 71

FIDEL M. Abeleda Jr. died on April 21, at the age of 71. His remains lie in state at Funeraria Paz, Sucat, Parañaque City and will be cremated at 11 a.m. April 27. He is survived by his wife Lurning and children—Amy and Jess, Bong and Malou, Raymond and Jean.



NO GAS
An attendant inspects the damage to one of the pumps of the Petron gas station at the corner of Pedro Gil and San Marcelino Streets in Manila. A 10-wheeled truck crashed into the station while avoiding a car.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

Court throws out case blocking SWS

By Tina Santos

A QUEZON City judge junked the petition of senatorial candidate Oliver Lozano seeking to stop the Social Weather Stations (SWS) from conducting election surveys and publicly releasing survey results.

In a four-page order, QC Regional Trial Court Branch 83 Judge Estrella Estrada explained that the court found Lozano's application for the issuance of a temporary restraining order to be without merit, saying the petitioner failed to show clear evidence that the survey could cause him irreparable injury, injustice or great damage.

Estrada stressed that the petitioner failed to prove a clear right to the issuance of a TRO.

"The petitioner does not question the right to conduct election surveys but only that the surveys being conducted by respondent SWS was discriminatory. Petitioner is thus tasked to introduce evidence to prove that SWS is making discriminatory surveys, but until then, SWS may not be enjoined from availing of its legal authority to conduct election surveys under the Fair Elections Act," the judge said.

Lozano, a lawyer, claimed that the election surveys were arbitrary, capricious, whimsical and perceived to have been paid to favor some candidates, to his and other candidates' prejudice.

Former actor yields drug paraphernalia

FORMER actor William Martinez was taken into police custody yesterday after he was reportedly caught with an illegal drugs paraphernalia at the Centennial Terminal of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Martinez was reportedly on his way to Dakak beach resort in Mindanao with his wife, Yayo, when a routine body search led to the discovery of a three-inch glass tube which could be used to sniff shabu.

The tube, called a "tooter," was reportedly found inside a pocket of Martinez.

Insp. Jaime Estrella, a member of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Unit at Naia, said Martinez was brought to Camp Crame after the incident.

Estrella said the glass tube would be tested to determine if it had been used in sniffing shabu.

Martinez is also reportedly set to undergo drug testing, the official added.

He faces charges of illegal possession of drug paraphernalia. *Luige del Puerto*

US documents say Asi not Pinoy—NBI

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has obtained a document that bureau officials believe would disprove the claim of cager Asi Taulava that he is a Filipino citizen.

This was revealed by a source in the bureau, who said the document would show that Taulava's mother, Pauline Mateaki, is a Tongan citizen and not Filipino as Taulava earlier claimed.

The document, a green card application, was obtained from the United States' Department of Homeland Security, said an NBI official who is privy to the matter.

In the application, Taulava's mother reportedly put down her citizenship as "Tongan."

Taulava, who plays for the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA), had claimed to be Filipino because his mother was Filipino.

"If (Taulava's) mother is Tongan, then he could not have been a Filipino," the source said.

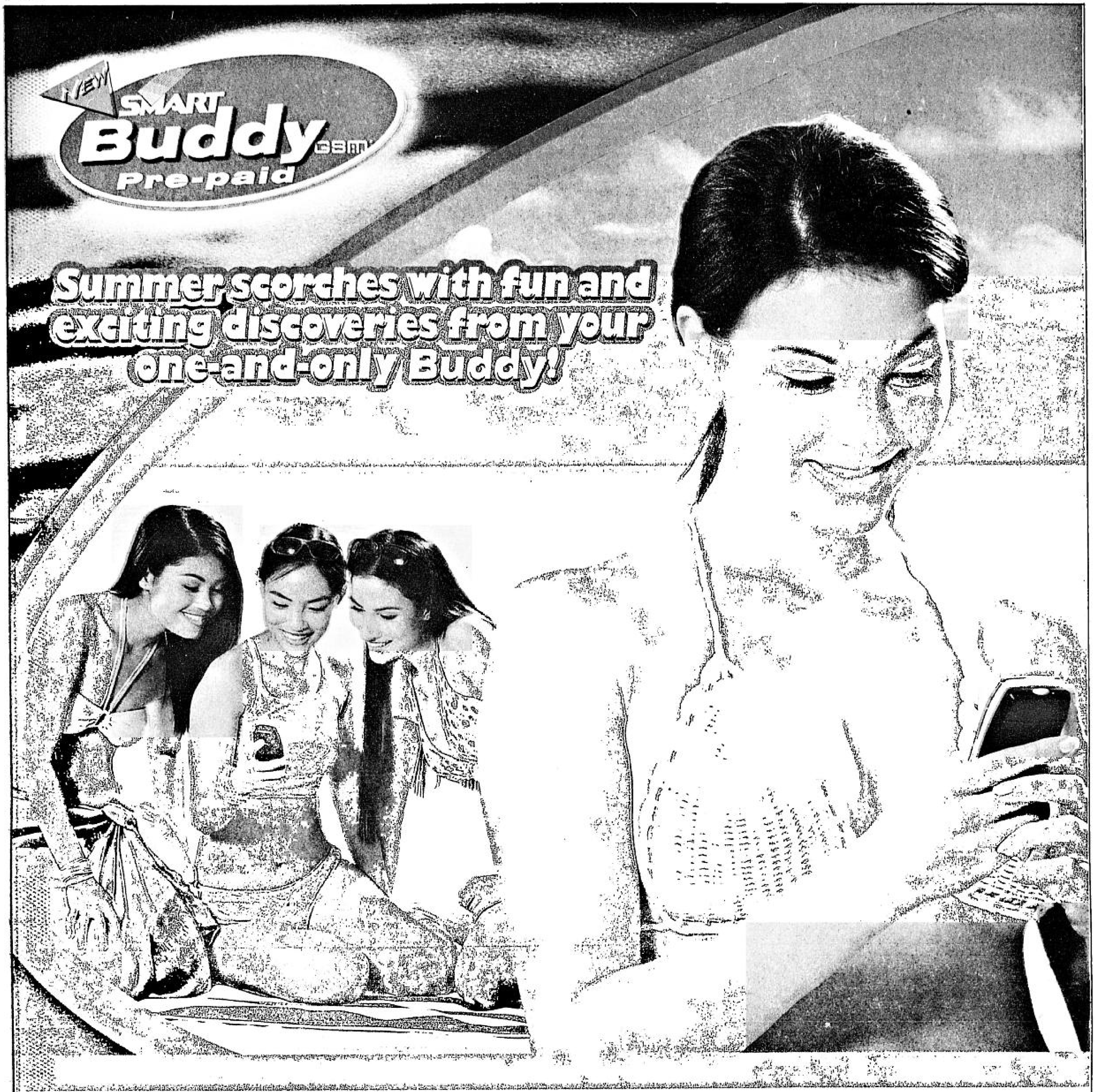
Taulava's citizenship, as well as that of at least five other Filipino-foreigners playing in the PBA, is being investigated on the complaints of homegrown basketball players who claim that the imports were depriving them of employment.

Meanwhile, an investigator also said the NBI was experiencing a problem in its probe of the basketball imports and attributed it to the elections.

The investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the NBI had been unable to get from the Senate documents related to their investigation.

The Senate earlier conducted a probe into the basketball players' complaint. However, most of the senators and their staff members are busy campaigning.

The investigator said the bureau put in the request in the early part of this year, but so far, no documents has been sent to them. However, the NBI said this was a minor problem.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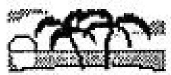
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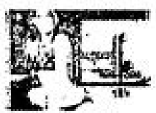
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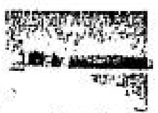
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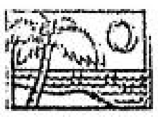
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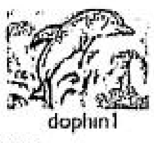
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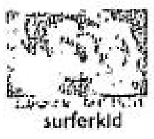
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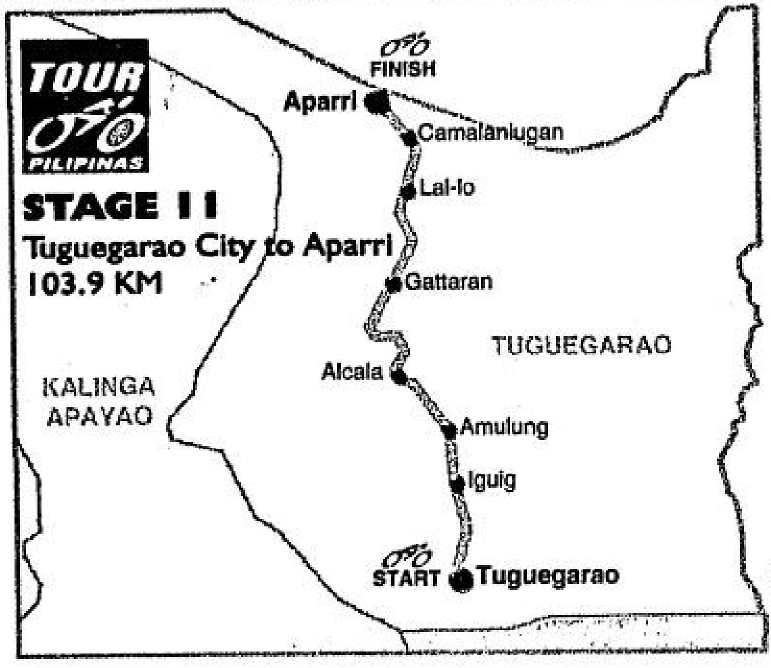
Domingo lead cut

Massive spill mars Tour's 10th stage

ROOKIE Tomas Martinez of Beer na Beer team holds bottle of water and juice. ROMY HOMILLADA



By Marc Anthony Reyes

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Enrique Domingo lost almost 3 minutes from his overall lead yesterday after figuring in a massive spill that provided all the drama of what was supposed to be an uneventful 10th stage of the Air21 Tour Pilipinas.

Struggling home in pain with the 46-man third group, Domingo managed to keep the yellow jersey but his 7-minute, 22-second lead over Ryan Tanguilig is now down to 4:27 even as rookie Tomas Martinez moved up to third overall, 9 minutes behind.

Domingo, skipper of the leading Postmen in the team race worth P1 million to the champion, suffered abrasions on his arms, legs and right hip from the mass spill triggered by an overeager fan who threw a bucket filled with water and ice at the main pack in Cabangan town, some 60 km from here.

But his injuries were nothing compared with Virgilio Espiritu, brother and teammate of 1996 champ and Beer na Beer team captain Victor, who broke his left collar bone and was rushed to the Cagayan General Hospital.

Espiritu was expected to be transferred to V. Luna General Hospital in Quezon City late yesterday.

Lloyd Reynante, Domingo's assistant skipper, was lucky to have escaped the accident and went on to lead the 23-man lead pack home and clinch lap honors for the day with a time of 4 hours 48 minutes and 44 seconds for the 203-km ride from Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

Legendary Maui

The 25-year-old Reynante, son of the legendary Maui Reynante, the 1977 and 1980 champ, dashed to the finish just a bike ahead of Carlo Jazul of Beer na Beer and former Tour leader Frederick Feliciano of Patrol 117.

But Reynante, a member of the Pagcor RP Trade Team, didn't have time to enjoy his heroics for the day after the board of commissaire announced he was being penalized for sharing food and drinks with his fellow Trade Team members.

Citing Reynante as an example, the board commissaire issued Friday night a communique prohibiting all riders from sharing their food and drinks with riders belonging to rival groups. Violators were dealt with a P1,000 fine and a 1-minute penalty on their overall time.

Also penalized for breaking the new rule were Samsung's Ericson Obosa, Dole skipper Albert Primero, Vat Rider rookie Baler Ravina, Tanduay's Reynaldo Navarro, Metro Drug's Ronald Gorantes and Jazul.

"That's bad, *kasi kahit sa* Tour de Langkawi (in Malaysia) *yung mga* Europeans *nagbibigayan din* (Even in the Tour de Langkawi, the European riders share their food and drinks)," said Reynante, who didn't hide his displeasure over the new ruling.

A member of the Philippine Navy, Reynante said he had no problem dealing with members of the PSC-supported national team but implied that some people inside the Tour are trying to create friction between the two elite cycling groups.

The board of commissaire said Reynante shared his provisions with Trade Team members, but ironically refused to offer a drink to his team captain, Domingo, at one point in yesterday's stage.

Domingo recounted somersaulting after running into a fallen rider during the mass spill. When he got up, Villamor Baluyot of Samsung bumped into him.

The battered Domingo, using his spare bike, checked in along with ninth-lap winner Joel Calderon, who dropped from third overall to fifth behind Albert Primero.

Fortunately for the 35-year-old Domingo, today's 11th stage to Aparri only covers 103 km and doesn't have a single climb.

On Friday night, members of the 600-strong Tour entourage were treated to a party to mark the 56th birthday of Air21 and Tour Pilipinas chair Bert Lina.

STAGE 10 RESULTS

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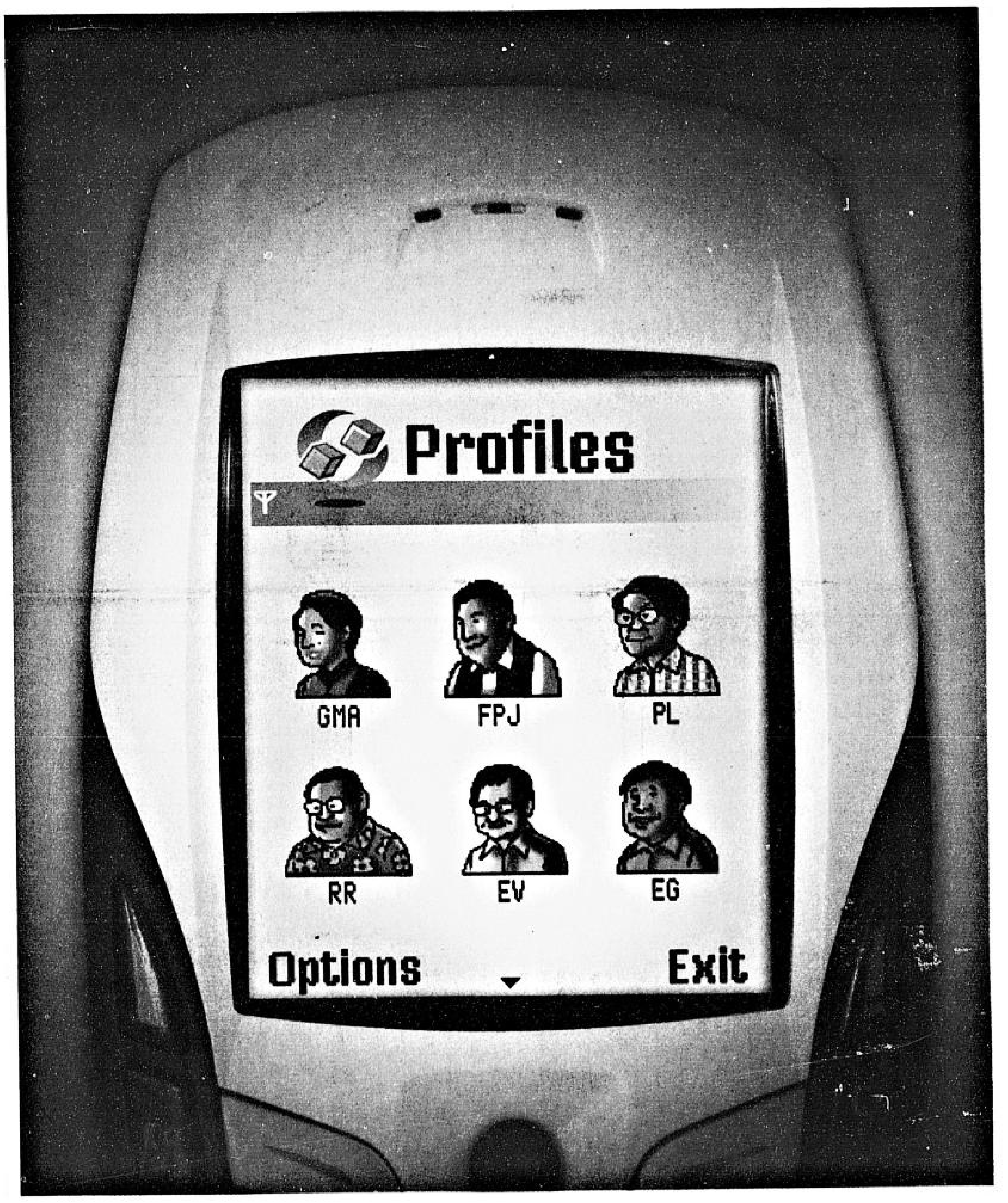

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Shell halts Red Bull 5

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:10 p.m.—San Miguel vs. Sta. Lucia
6:30 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs. Purefoods

By Musong Castillo, *Contributor*

TONY dela Cruz scored all but four of Shell's final 14 points as the Turbochargers downed Red Bull, 99-86, and stopped the Thunder's winning streak in the PBA Gran Matador Fiesta Conference at two games.

Dela Cruz fired 14 points in the fourth quarter, bailing Shell out in his return from a short rest and powering the Turbochargers to a 5-7 card under the watch of Leo Austria.

Cory Hightower redeemed himself with a game-high 31 points but Red Bull still lost for the first time in three games and fifth time in 11 outings overall.

Hightower, who failed to silence Dela Cruz, made matters worse by missing two crucial attempts inside the final minute.

Shell almost blew a 10-point lead midway in the fourth quarter, 79-69.

Red Bull crept to within 77-79 and 80-81 after a layup and a three-point play by Hightower.

When the Thunder threatened again at 82-85, Dela Cruz, the direct Fil-American hire of Shell in 2000, strung up six points in a 40-second span for a 91-84 lead with 1:25 to go.

Five players finished in double figures for Shell, led by Dela Cruz's 28.

Jameel Watkins had a silent 16 to go with 22 rebounds and six blocks, with Kalani Ferreria adding 12 and Mike Hrabak and Ronald Tubid chipping in 12 and 10.

Talk 'N Text got back on track, routing FedEx, 119-90, and improving to 7-5 in the second game. The Express dropped to 3-8.

Scores:

First game:

SHELL 99—Dela Cruz 28, Watkins 16, Ferreria 12, Hrabak 12, Tubid 10, Alvarez 8, Mamaril 6, Jackson 5, Bajar 2, Marzan 0.

RED BULL 86—Hightower 31, Tugade 11, Se 9, Harp 9, Robinson 6, Villanueva 6, Torion 5, Pennisi 4, Baguio 3, Valenzuela 2, Lopez 0.

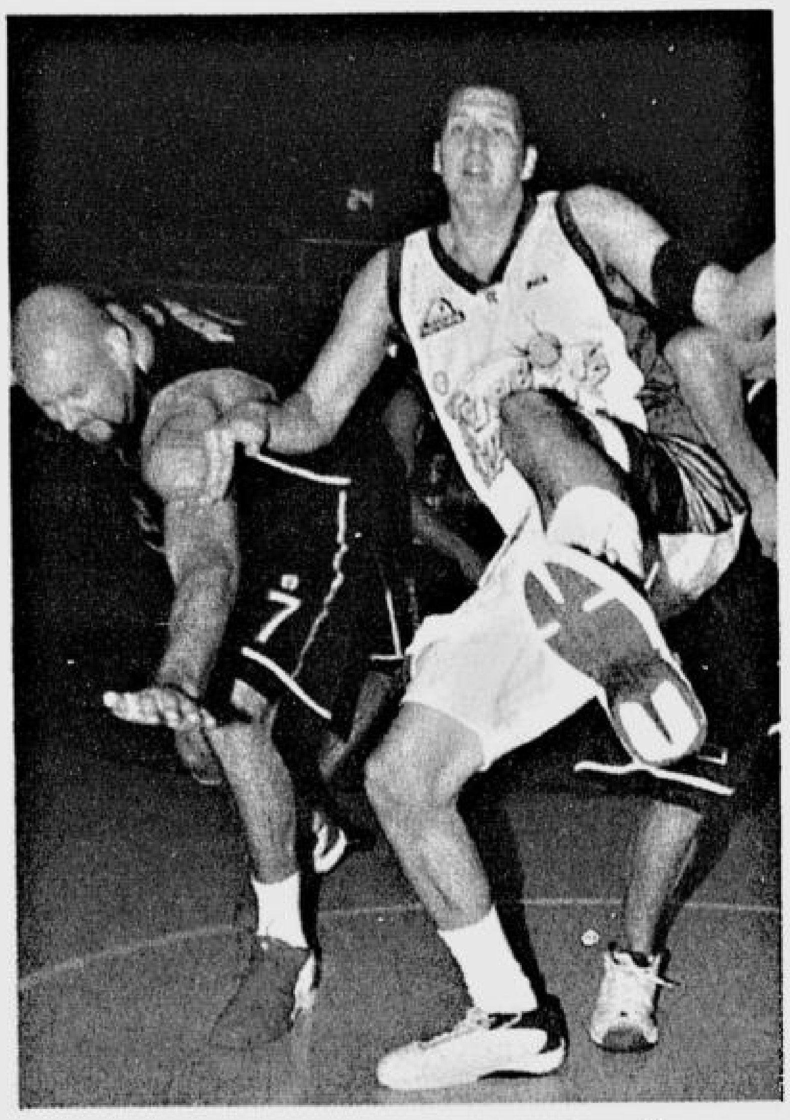
Quarters: 18-25, 53-38, 68-63, 99-86.

Second Game

TALK 'N TEXT 119—Taulava 33, Honeycutt 22, Belano 13, Ravena 9, Telan 9, Miller 8, Alapag 6, Fran 6, Pablo 6, De Ocampo 5, Salangsang 2.

FEDEX 90—Meneses 28, Maddox 24, Ferriols 9, Arboleda 8, Billones 5, Ejercito 4, Yap 4, De Ocampo 2, Gonzales 2, Rodriguez 2, Ritualo 2, Pingris 0.

Quarters: 24-14, 57-33, 84-59, 119-90.



SHELL'S Dela Cruz loses his balance as he jockeys for position against Red Bull's Mick Pennisi. RUDY ESPERAS

Adornado out of Ateneo Eagles

By Trina Ibarle

BOGS Adornado, assistant coach for the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the UAAP and for Lee Pipes-Ateneo in the PBL, announced his resignation yesterday after the school's team management required all members of the coaching staff to provide full-time service to the team.

A source revealed that Adornado, who has served as shooting coach for the Blue Eagles since 2000 under former coach Joe Lipa, was approached by the Ateneo team management informing him of the school's new policy of coaches rendering full-time service to the team. Adornado is also serving as assistant to Leo Austria for the Shell Turbochargers in the PBA.

Not wanting to give up his job in the PBA, Adornado submitted his resignation last April 22 to cut his four-year service to both teams, which are now coached by the youthful Sandy Arespacochaga.

Adornado was puzzled why the management suddenly implemented this rule, since the school previously allowed former coaches or assistant coaches to take on other coaching jobs.

An example was the Eagles' former coach Joel Banal, who also served as assistant to Talk 'N Text's Bill Bayno, and to Gene Afable, who was both assistant coach to Ateneo and to the Iloilo Megavoltz in the now-defunct Metropolitan Basketball Association.

Adornado has also been assistant coach for Shell and Purefoods at the same time that he has been in the Blue Eagles' fold.

"I thought that they would give to me the same arrangement that Joel (Banal) had when he also served as assistant coach to Bill Bayno in the PBA. This time, they did not allow me. I had no choice but to resign," Adornado told the INQUIRER.

A three-time MVP in the PBA where he donned the Crispa Redmanizers jersey, Adornado has been named one of the league's greatest 25 players.

Pinoy fencing teams still empty-handed

By Trina Ibarle

THE PHILIPPINES still emerged empty-handed in the team competition of the 2004 Sharp Asian Fencing Championships yesterday with its epee squads both bowing to Kazakhstan in the quarterfinals at the Philsports Arena.

Wilfrido Vizcayno, Avelino Victorino, and Armand Bernal lost, 45-20, to eventual men's epee champions Sergey Shabalin, Alexandr Axenov, and Alexey Shipilov while Lorena Ann San Diego, Melly Joyce Angeles, and Harleen Orendain absorbed a 45-31 whipping from Anna Shernova, Yekateri Skopnevskaya and Margarita Mchshuk.

Kazakhstan trampled Iran, 45-35, to win its first gold in the men's epee finals after nipping defending champion China, 28-27, behind Olympic-bound Shabalin's win over Liu Jing in the semifinals.

Powerhouse China continued to dominate the field, copping the women's epee championship behind Tan Li, Luo Xiaojuan, and Wu Haiyan, who outclassed their Korean foes in the finals, 45-35.

The Filipinos engaged the Kazakhs in a close contest at the start with Bernal forging a 16-16 tie before their taller and quicker opponents surged to a commanding lead.

Regencia, Largo lead CdO tennis winners

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Dave Regencia and John Largo hurdled two opponents yesterday to lead the first round winners in the Head-penn Junior Tennis Tournament at the Nazareth Tennis Courts here.

Regencia defeated Raymond Drama, 6-2, 6-1, in the boys' 14 years and under then came back to beat Gabriel Reyes, 6-4, 6-4, in the 16-under category.

Largo, on the other hand, trounced Ian Sanchez, 6-1, 6-1, in the 14-under before taming Virgil Chiong, 7-5, 6-2.

Red Opalentisima and Kennex Abadia also competed in both categories but got contrasting results.

Opalentisima won over Joel Sanchez, 6-1, 6-0, in the 14-under only to lose against Duma Dolot Jr., 6-1, 6-3, in the 16-under. Abadia prevailed over Andrei Dizon, 6-1, 6-0, in the 14-under but bowed to Marvin Serito, 6-1, 6-2, in the 16-under.

Other 14-under matches saw Raul Talataga beat Henry Notarte, 7-5, 7-5; Leandro Fernandez subdue Michael Corre, 6-3, 6-1; Paulo Araneta trip Kent Tac-an, 7-6, 3-6, 10-5; and Andre Banate down Boui Golgue, 6-3, 6-3.

Other 16-under victors were Duma Dolot over Red Opal, 6-1, 6-3; Bobby Tiu over Tino Fuentes, 6-0, 6-3; Bernard Bundat over Kent Tac-an, 6-4, 2-6, 10-6; Rophie Santos over Cayetano Olapides, 6-1, 6-0; Karl Balili over Byron Atay, 6-2, 6-3; Sherwin Gom-os over Philip Malalis, 6-0, 6-1; and Jon Soquis, who won by default over Edwin Bernale.

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Weekend golfers shoot above par.

Professional golfers shoot below par.

For golfers like Tiger Woods, their standard is called "scratch." Meaning, if a golf course is par 72, they must shoot 72 to hit their standard. A 71 or lower is above standard, 73 or higher below standard.

And speaking of Tiger Woods, Reid Spencer has chosen the present world No. 1 golfer his No. 1 golfer of all time. I came to know about it through Joseph A. Dumuk, the genius from the City of San Fernando, La Union. Joseph, a dear friend of many decades, has sent me a book written by Reid Spencer detailing the life and times of the Greatest Golfers of All Time, published by "Sporting News." It's a collector's item and I can't thank Joseph enough for the goodness of his heart to part away with his book "in the name of lasting friendship."

Here's Reid Spencer on Tiger Woods:

"No one has ever played golf better than Tiger Woods, and no other golfer has ever had a greater impact on the game. Long before his 30th birthday (he was born on Dec. 30, 1975), Woods has already provided us with a multitude of indelible memories—three straight US Amateur titles, the record-setting win at the 1997 Masters, the 15-shot rout in the 2000 US Open at Pebble Beach, the "impossible" 213-yard, 6-iron shot from a fairway bunker to clinch his 2000 Canadian Open victory.

"Perhaps most telling about Woods is his winning percentage—he has finished first in more than 25 percent of the professional events he has entered. During his most productive years from 1962-1980, Jack Nicklaus won 67 of the 348 tournaments he played, less than 20 percent.

"More than any other golfer in history, Woods has separated himself from those who pretend to be his rivals. His game is without apparent weakness—from his prodigious length off the tee to his precision iron play to his deft touch around the greens to his unerring putting stroke. Add to that mix of physical skills his extraordinary intelligence and force of will, and you have a player who towers over his competition like a colossus. Who else could have played 72 holes in the 2000 British Open at St. Andrews without hitting a bunker?"

To Reid Spencer, the most quotable line from Tiger Woods is: "I've won the slam before. I've won four major titles in a row, and no one has ever done that."

Again, thank you, Joseph, for your book but more than that, your lasting friendship.

Here's a glass to a one of a kind.

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FASTBREAK. Before midnight today, one person will win a Ford Lynx as his/her raffle prize in the 6th Riviera Invitational Member-Guest Tournament. Kudos to Commodore Danny Pizarro (ret.), the Riviera president, for his successful handling once again of this much admired tournament that saw the participation of 220 teams. So well-run was the four-day event that not a whimper was heard from the 440 players, who were all provided free use of golf carts in 36 holes of play.

SPORTSWATCH

Antonio bucks call for snap election

GRANDMASTER Rogelio "Joey" Antonio yesterday said fellow GM Eugene Torre is diverting the issues by leading the call for snap elections in the National Chess Federation of the Philippines instead of focusing on the mismanagement raps filed against NCFP secretary general Sammy Estimo. "Let's not skirt the issue. There's no need for a snap election. What must be cleared first are the issues regarding allowances and funds for the players during the Istanbul Olympiad (2000), Oropesa, Spain (2001) and World Youth in Halkidiki, Greece," said Antonio, a six-time national champion. "Anyway the (National Chess Federation of the Philippines election is already set on July 31." Antonio, fellow GM Bong Villamayor, International Master Chito Garma and other leading chess players have accused Estimo of mishandling the NCFP's affairs.

Filipino chessers lose in Dubai

DUBAI—All three Filipino chessers lost to their respective rivals Friday in the fifth round at the halfway mark of the Dubai Open Chess Championship here. First to fall was International Master Nelson Mariano II, who lost to GM Pavel Eljanov of Ukraine in 50 moves of the Filipino's King's Indian Defense. IM Barlo Nadera (2390) lost to GM Artashes Minsalan (2585) of Armenia in 46 moves of the latter's Benoni defense. GM Bong Villamayor (2469) fought the full 4-hour session but eventually succumbed in the endgame to GM Mikhail Ulibin (2569) of Russia in 49 moves of a French defense. Among the leaders, second seed GM Krishnan Sasikiran of India held top seed GM Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu to a draw. Nisipeanu shares the lead with Elijanov, Minasian and GM Shakriya Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan at 4.5 points each. Eleven players follow the lead pack with 4 points apiece. Mariano, Nadera, Villamayor and eight others were at 3.5 points.

Velez, Paredes barge into last 8

VALLE Verde's Karyn Velez and Janina Paredes outplayed Reyne Calimlim and Jamila Cruz, 15-4,15-7, to lead the quarterfinal cast in the girls' doubles event at the JVC Open Badminton 14-under Championships at SM Pampanga yesterday. With the win, Velez and Paredes advanced to the next round of the event staged by electronics giant JVC in its continuing search for talents in one of the most popular sports in the country today. Also gaining berths into the last 8 is the Anvil tandem of Ma. Luisa and Ma. Paola Villarin, which thumped Christine Joy Arellano and Kaeshalane Theodoesis, 15-3, 15-1, while six pairs advanced without lifting their rackets with walkover victories. They were Clarissa Arellano of Miriam College and Kathleen Balatbat of Bulacan; Jacklyn Cudia and Cherie Medina; Bianca Legaspi and Monica Yupangco; Lourdes Gaspar and Maria Susbilla; and Liza Encarnacion and Carla Lizardo; and the Francisco-De Guzman tandem. Velez and Paredes will clash with Arellano and Balatbat in the featured match in the quarters slated May 22-23 at SM Southmall in Las Piñas.

Klitschko, Sanders dispute title

LOS ANGELES— Vitali Klitschko wasn't supposed to be the best heavyweight in his family, much less the world. Big and awkward, his skills looked amateurish even in comparison with his younger brother, Wladimir. Six bloody rounds with Lennox Lewis last June changed all of that. Klitschko proved he could do what his brother couldn't — take a big punch as well as deliver one. On Saturday night, Klitschko fights Corrie Sanders with a chance to prove something else: that he can be a legitimate heavyweight champion.

Maddux gets 1st victory since return

CHICAGO—Greg Maddux earned his first victory since rejoining his original team, and Moises Alou and Todd Walker homered to lift the Chicago Cubs over the New York Mets, 3-1, Friday. Maddux (1-2) gave up seven hits, but only one run in seven innings, striking out eight while walking just one. His ERA dropped from 8.62 to 6.35. In Pittsburgh, Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer in the fifth to give Cincinnati the lead and the Reds bullpen made up for a rough start from Paul Wilson to beat the Pirates, 6-4.

Basketball Fiesta at SM Marilao

THE TWO-IN-ONE sporting event of Sportshouse, Basketball Fiesta, goes to SM Marilao on April 30, May 1 and 2 to give Bulakeños and residents of nearby areas a chance to participate in the free cage clinic and join the fun games. Co-sponsored by Burlington, the basketball camp is open for all ages and sexes and will be headed by veteran coaches Fritz Gaston and Bong Go. A basketball shoot-out backed by Cherifer featuring the 3-point King, Beat My Score, Miracle Shot and 2-Ball competitions follow the cage instructional portion. Registration of participants starts at 10 p.m. while the activities begins at 1 p.m. Interested shoppers must only present proofs of purchase of Sportshouse, Burlington and Cherifer to join. Also supporting "Basketball Fiesta" are SM malls, Accel, Sunkist, Aqua Blue, Voit, McDonalds and Largeformatix.

Pirates tryouts start Tuesday

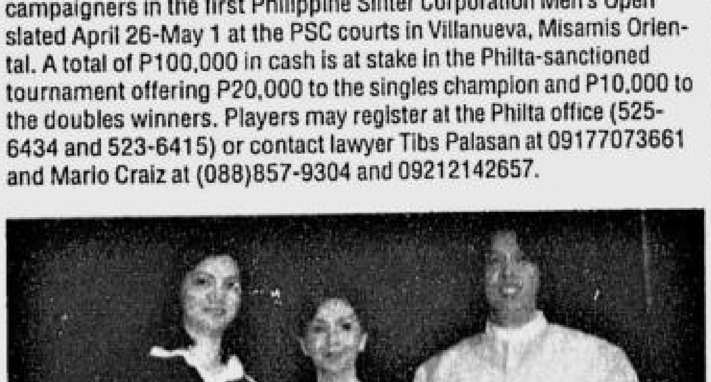
THE LYCEUM Pirates, a perennial power in collegiate basketball, will be holding a series of tryouts starting April 26 (Tuesday) at the university gym in Intramuros, Manila. According to incoming head coach Bonnie Tan, the tryout sessions are open to all players 24 years old and below and will run until April 30 (Friday) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "We hope to offer full-pledged scholarships for prospective qualifiers and the chance to study in one of the most prestigious learning institutions in the country," said Lyceum athletic director Cayetano "Tani" Gonzales. Tan will be taking over from Leo Austria who was tapped by the PBA Shell Turbochargers to replace John Moran. Interested players, especially those from the provinces, can get more details at (0922) 8847223 or 5278251 (loc. 120).

Sta. Cruz de Mayo 5-cock derby

ANOTHER blockbuster derby is set at Roligon Mega Cockpit on April 28, May 1 and 3 with the staging of "Sta. Cruz de Mayo 5-Cock Derby." More than 150 entries are seeing action, according to derby hosts Soseng Gotengco and engineer Francis Sales. The guaranteed prize at stake is P1 million while entry fee is only P8,800. Participants may field an entry during the elimination rounds (2-cock) on April 28 or May 1. All participants will advance to the 3-cock finals on May 3. Meanwhile, Alan Tan made his presence felt anew by bagging the championship of "Bakbakan National 8-Cock Derby" last Wenesday. Tan's bet, JU Hatawan sa Tag-ulan, scored a perfect eight points. For inquiries, contact 833-2275 and 833-1638.

National players head campaigners

NATIONAL players Johnny Arcilla and Joseph Victorino will banner the campaigners in the first Philippine Sinter Corporation Men's Open slated April 26-May 1 at the PSC courts in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental. A total of P100,000 in cash is at stake in the Philta-sanctioned tournament offering P20,000 to the singles champion and P10,000 to the doubles winners. Players may register at the Philta office (525-6434 and 523-6415) or contact lawyer Tibs Palasan at 09177073661 and Mario Craiz at (088)857-9304 and 09212142657.



SPORTS AWARD: Sportshouse was recently adjudged as the "Outstanding Sports and Outdoor Retailer of the Year" by the Parangal ng Bayan Foundation Inc. in the 19th annual Consumers Excellence Awards. Photo shows Tess Canoy (left) and Roy Ordiales (right) of Sportshouse receiving trophy from Zaide Ribas, awards presentor.

Pacers take 3-0 margin

Rockets bounce back

BOSTON—The Indiana Pacers showed again why they're the top team in the Eastern Conference.

A strong bench, led by 19 points from Al Harrington and Jonathan Bender, and dominant rebounding led Indiana to a 108-85 win Friday night and a 3-0 lead over the Boston Celtics in the first-round playoff series.

"We have to remain humble and go out and do the job Sunday," Harrington said.

It was the worst home playoff loss in the Celtics' history, a span of 261 postseason games since 1948.

The top-seeded Pacers can complete the sweep of the best-of-seven series on Sunday.

Ron Artest, who returned from a one-game suspension for leaving the bench when Boston's Brandon Hunter threw Jermaine O'Neal to the floor in the opener, scored 15 points and played outstanding defense on Paul Pierce.

"They're a much more talented team than us," said Pierce, who scored his playoff career low of nine points on 4-for-17 shooting. "We've got to somehow, some way, show some pride to come back on Sunday."

Ricky Davis led the Celtics with 16 points.

In Houston, Steve Francis grabbed a pair of late acrobatic baskets as Houston found a way to make Shaquille O'Neal a non-factor for half of the game to beat Los Angeles, 102-91.

The Rockets cut the Lakers' lead to 2-1 in their best-of-seven Western Conference playoff series.

Francis had 27 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, Cuttino Mobley added 21 points, Yao Ming scored 18 and Maurice Taylor came off the bench to add 16 as the Rockets thrilled their fans in the first playoff game in Houston since 1999.

The series resumes with Game 4 on Sunday.

O'Neal scored 25 points, 11 coming in the first few minutes and 10 more coming in the fourth quarter. Kobe Bryant scored 21 and Karl Malone 18.

Indiana played outstanding team defense, and outrebounded Boston for the third straight game.

"Their bench just makes you marvel," Boston coach John Carroll said.

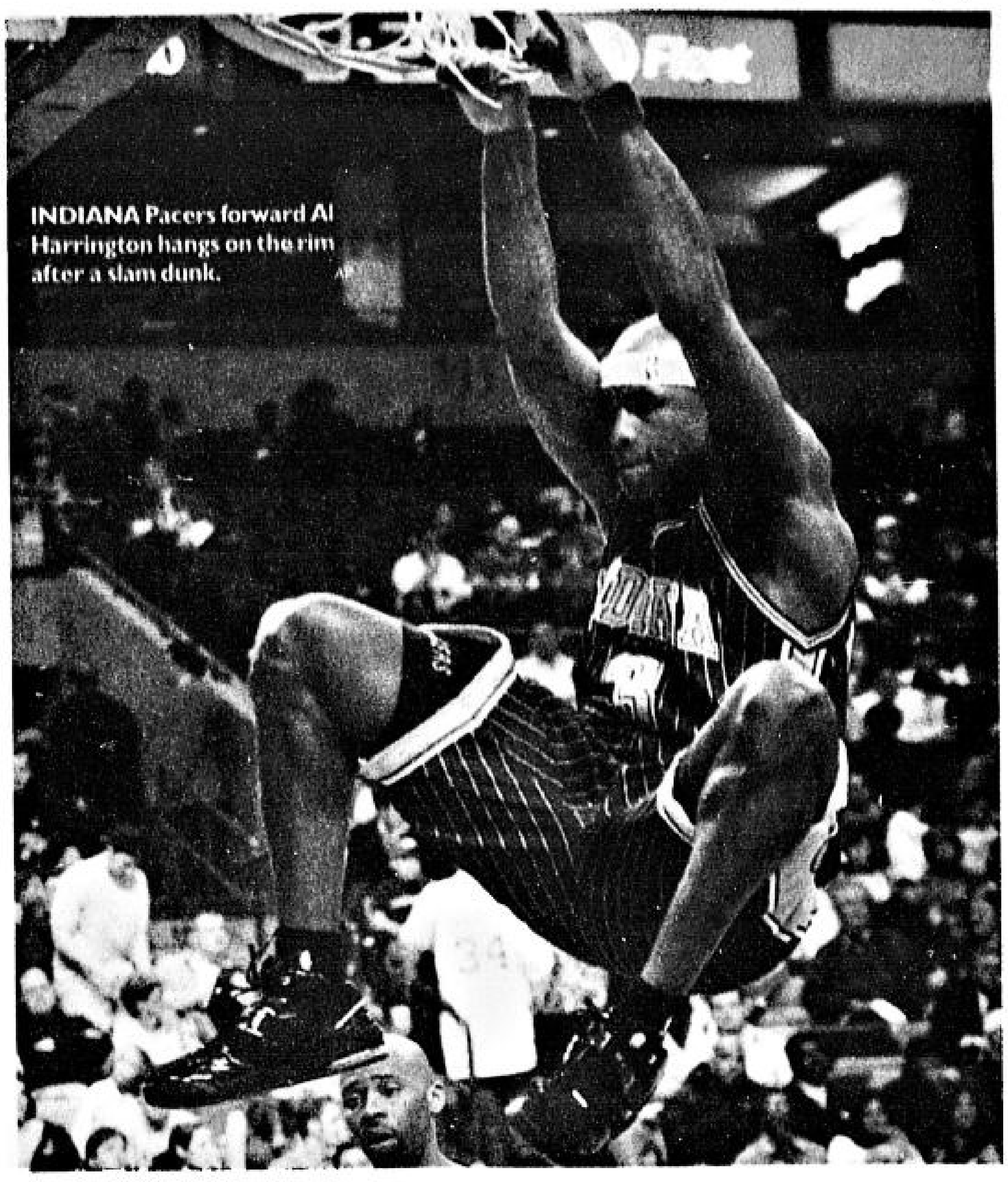
Despite the Pacers' domination, Jermaine O'Neal said they weren't toying with the Celtics.

"We're just going out and playing our style of basketball," he said. "Being 3-0 is a great opportunity for us but toying with a professional team is hard to say."

It was the worst home playoff loss in the Celtics' history, a span of 261 postseason games since 1948.

Ron Artest, who returned from a one-game suspension for leaving the bench when Boston's Brandon Hunter threw O'Neal to the floor in the opener, scored 15 points and played outstanding defense on Pierce, who is 16-for-53 with 56 points in the series.

Ricky Davis led Boston with 16 points as part of a bench that scored 31. *AP*



INDIANA Pacers forward Al Harrington hangs on the rim after a slam dunk. AP

Jamison is top reserve

NEW YORK—Forward Antawn Jamison, in his first season with the Dallas Mavericks, on Friday was named the winner of the National Basketball Association's Sixth Man Award.

Willing to come off the bench after five seasons as a starter in Golden State, Jamison played in all 82 games for the Mavericks, averaging 14.8 points and 6.3 rebounds. He ranked third in the NBA with a .535 shooting percentage.

Jamison received 338 points, including 43 of a possible 120 first-place nods, from a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada.

Indiana's Al Harrington finished second with 275 points, followed by San Antonio's Manu Ginobli of Argentina with 244. Sacramento's Bobby Jackson (70) and Denver's Earl Boykins (46) completed the top five.

A first-round pick in 1998, Jamison was traded to the Mavericks in August in a nine-player deal and helped lead Dallas to its fifth straight winning season. *AFP*

Montaña rips Welcoat cagers

GAMES TUESDAY (*Pasig Sports Center*)
2 p.m.—Hapee vs Lee Pipes-Ateneo
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WELCOAT Paints isn't invincible after all.

Montaña Pawnshop proved this last night when the Jewels scored a stunning 93-68 blowout win over the Paint Masters, giving interim coach Ronnie Dojillo a rousing welcome in the PBL Unity Cup at the Pasig Sports Center.

Almost forgotten after losing even to lesser opponents, the Jewels leaned on a splendid double-double performance from Jondan Salvador to hand the Paint Masters their first defeat after a string of five wins while improving their record to 2-4. Despite the setback, the Paint Masters remained tied for the lead with idle Viva Mineral Water-FEU.

Earlier, diminutive Boyet Bautista outshone the more popular LA Tenorio as Toyota Otis-Letran streaked to its third straight win by beating hard luck Lee Pipes-Ateneo, 87-74.

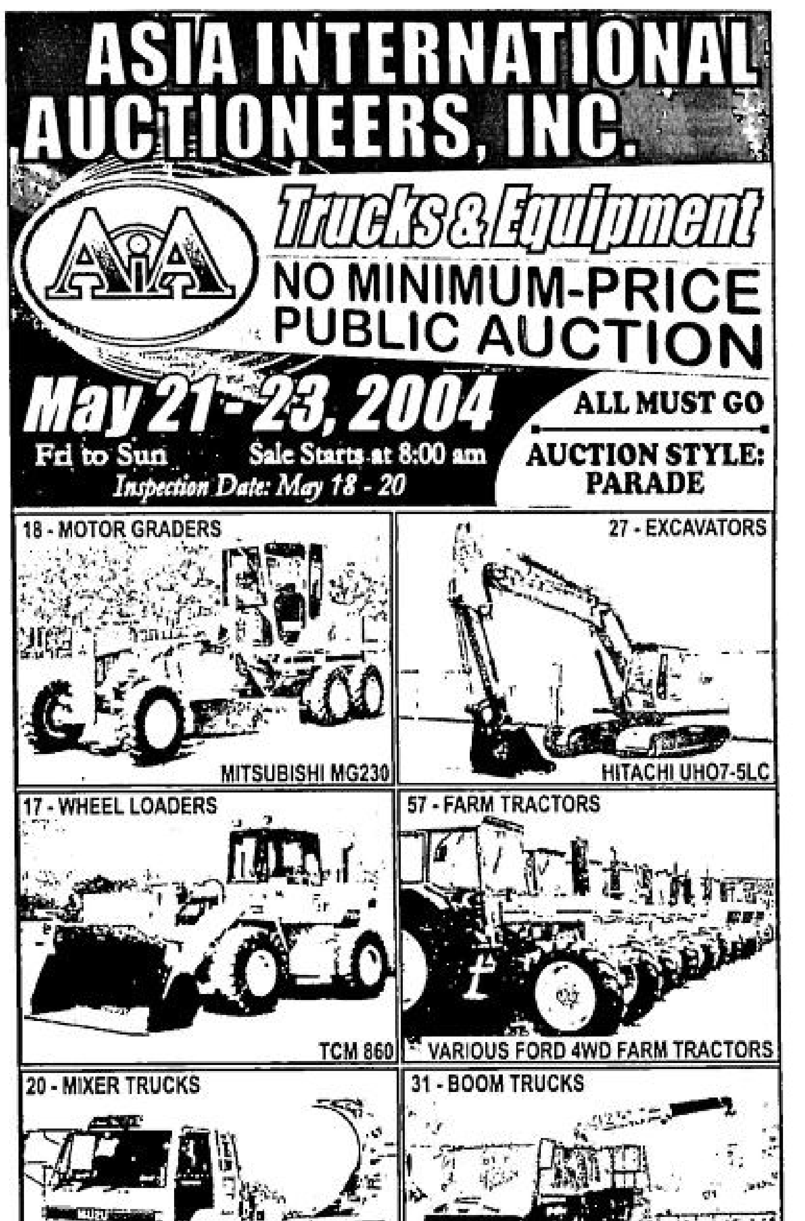
Scores:

TOYOTA-OTIS 87—Bautista 22, Enrile 18, Daa 17, Aban 11, Pinera 9, Aldave 8, Rodriguez 2, Moody 0, Dula 0, Santos 0.

LEE PIPES 74—Fonacier 17, Bugia 15, Membrere 9, Manalo 8, Intal 6, Roldan 6, Gelig 5, Del Rosario 4, Domingo 2, Tenorio 0, Escalona 0. **Quarters:** 16-26, 35-44; 56-60, 87-76.

MONTAÑA 93—Salvador 20, Baluyot 15, Magpayo 13, Vergara 12, Ilanga 12, Tolentino 9, Buenafe 8, Najorda 2, Espiritu 0, Manigo 0, Guerrero 0, Junio 0.

WELCOAT 68—Tangkay 19, Tolomia 15, Capus 13, Gatumbato 6, Reyes 5, Aldeguer 4, Ortiguerra 3, Uy 2, Estrada, Calo 0, Dulay 0. **Quarters:** 20-23; 47-39; 70-53, 93-68.



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12. Gorantes, R. (Metro Drug) 15:26 behind
13. Barnachea, S. (Mail and More) 15:43 behind
14. Navarro, R. (Tanduay) 18:18 behind
15. Baluyot, V. (Samsung) 18:24 behind
16. Fronda, O. (Mail and More) 19:59 behind
17. Ganigan, D. (Vat Riders) 20:17 behind
18. Obosa, E. (Samsung) 21:20 behind
19. Celeste. F. (Vat Riders) 22:42 behind
20. Marcelo, A. (Mail and More) 24:25 behind
21. Benito, Stalin (Purefoods) 25:14 behind
22. Atilano, L. (Mail and More) 25:53 behind
23. Villanueva, O. (Dole) 26:14 behind
24. Jazul, C. (Beer na Beer) 26:28 behind
25. Reynante, L. (Postmen) 28:33 behind

Team standings:
1. Postmen 126:11:50.20
2. Beer na Beer 17:54.93 mins. behind
3. Dole 20:53.36 behind
4. Purefoods 31:57.23 behind
5. Samsung 35:32.87 behind
6. Mail and More 38:07.67 behind
7. Metro Drug 38:29.35
8. Vat Riders 47:15.84 behind
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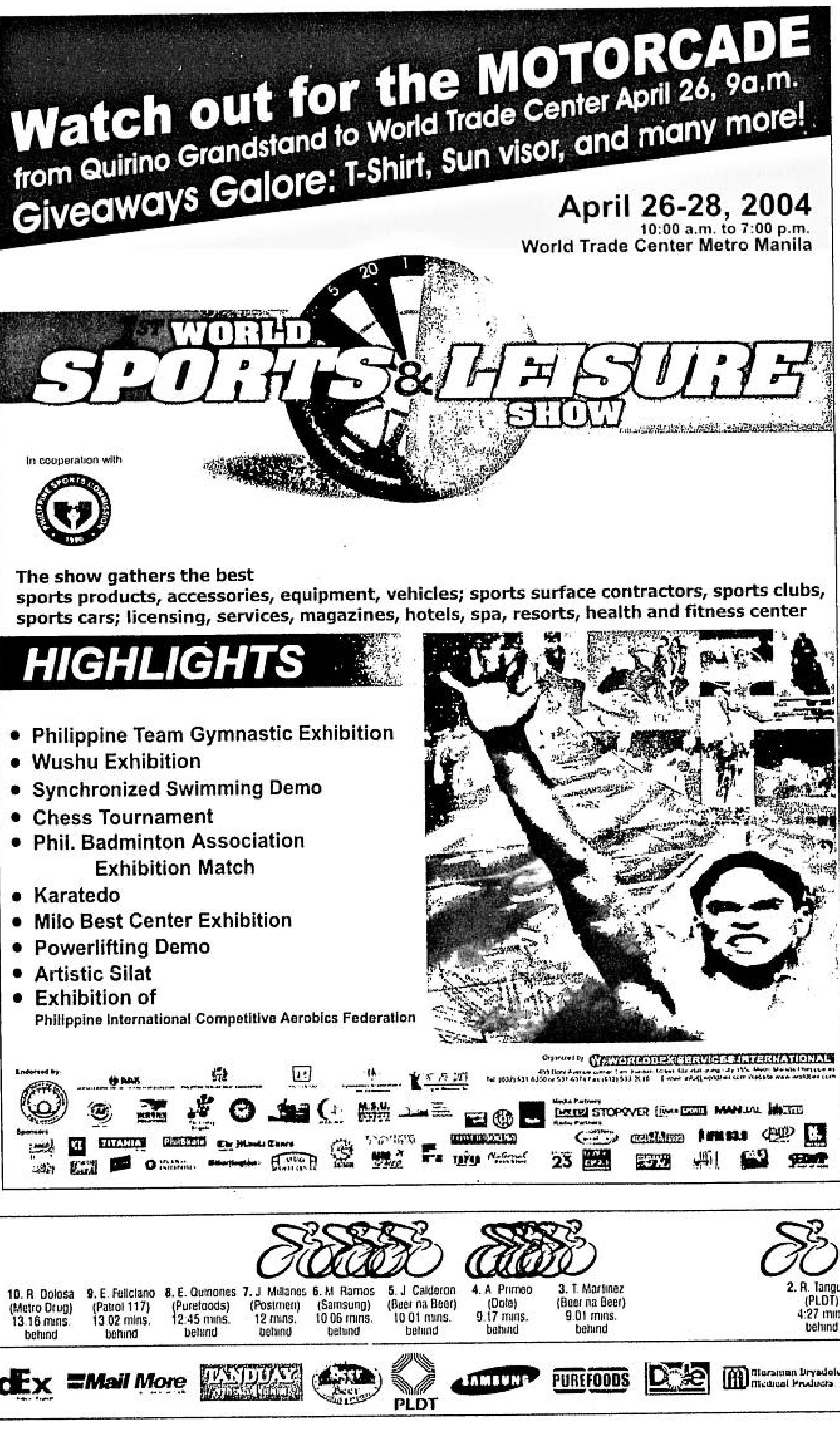

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5. J. Calderon (Beer na Beer) 10.01 mins. behind
6. M. Ramos (Samsung) 10.06 mins. behind
7. J. Millanes (Postmen) 12 mins. behind
8. E. Quinones (Purefoods) 12.45 mins. behind
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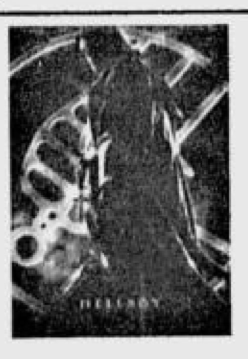

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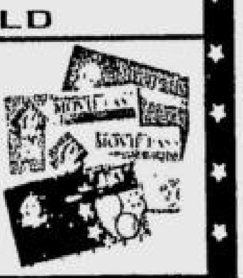

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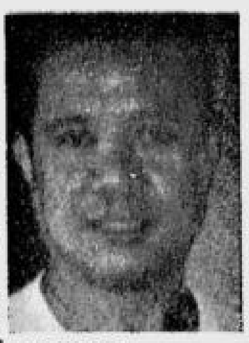

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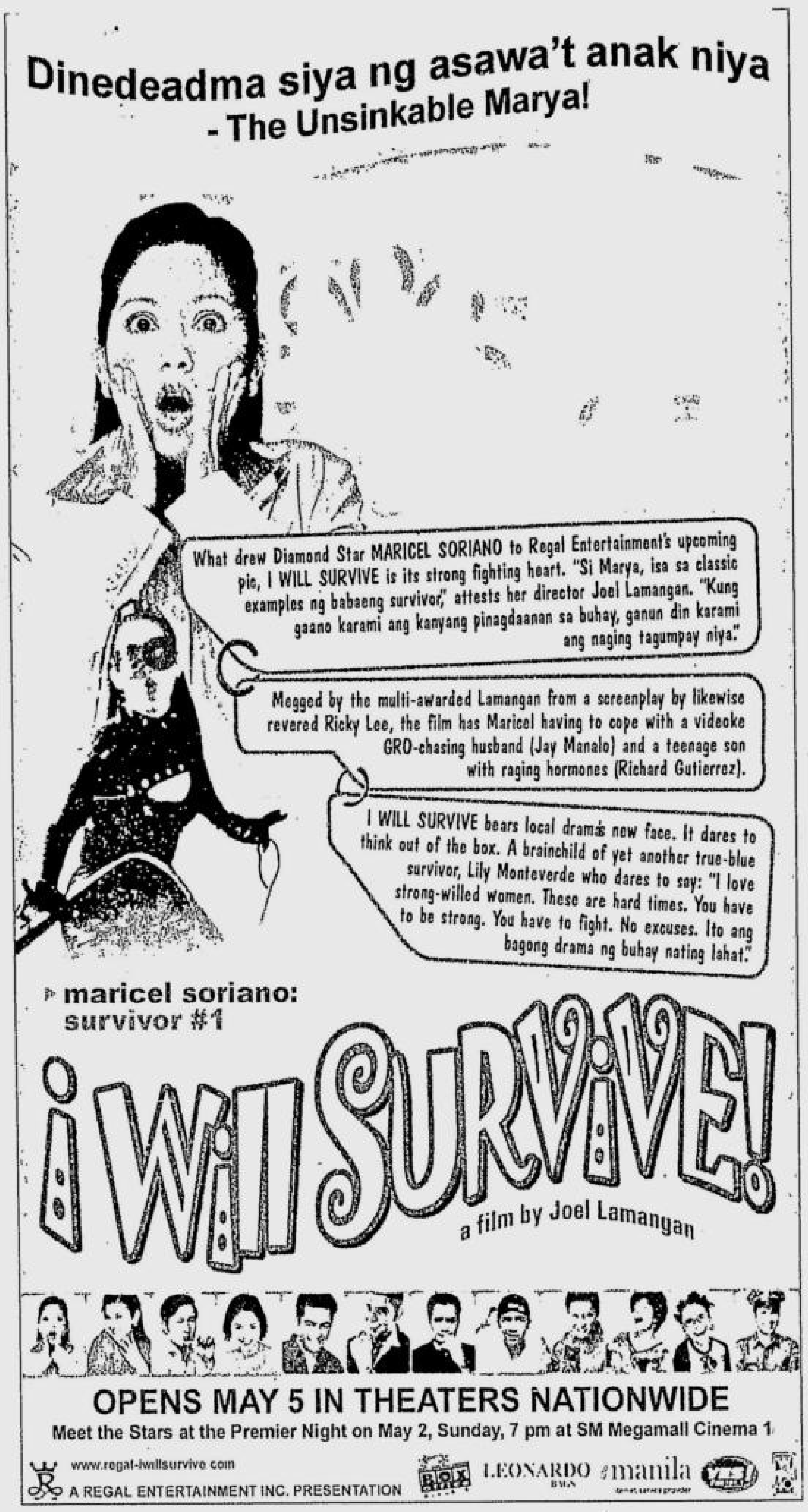
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- The Unsinkable Marya!

What drew Diamond Star MARICEL SORIANO to Regal Entertainment's upcoming pic, I WILL SURVIVE is its strong fighting heart. "Si Marya, isa sa classic examples ng babaeng survivor," attests her director Joel Lamangan. "Kung gaano karami ang kanyang pinagdaanan sa buhay, ganun din karami ang naging tagumpay niya."

Megged by the multi-awarded Lamangan from a screenplay by likewise revered Ricky Lee, the film has Maricel having to cope with a videoke GRO-chasing husband (Jay Manalo) and a teenage son with raging hormones (Richard Gutierrez).

I WILL SURVIVE bears local drama's new face. It dares to think out of the box. A brainchild of yet another true-blue survivor, Lily Monteverde who dares to say: "I love strong-willed women. These are hard times. You have to be strong. You have to fight. No excuses. Ito ang bagong drama ng buhay nating lahat."

maricel soriano:
survivor #1

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Feeling Beauty...
Dina baleng maganda, basta magaling!

Of course there are women who are victims of their own provocative beauty. Clueless to the inherent advantage they weild over other women of less sterner stuff, and men ready to trample them over. But not DINA BONNEVIE. She knows what she's got and how to use it.

She displays the picture-perfect sampling of what beautiful women can do as she plays wife to an obsessive husband (Tonton Gutierrez) and a daughter (Serena Dalrymple) who resents her simply because she is what she is --- ravishingly beautiful.

"One thing you can say, ang mga true survivor malalakas talaga ang dating," says the pic's director Joel Lamangan. "That if you don't know them well, you might even say na may pagkamaldita sila. They give as good as they got kaya madalas silang mapagbintangang mataray. Yan ang kuwento ng buhay ng isang Dina Bonnevie. Love it or hate it, she wins!"

dina bonnevie:
survivor #2

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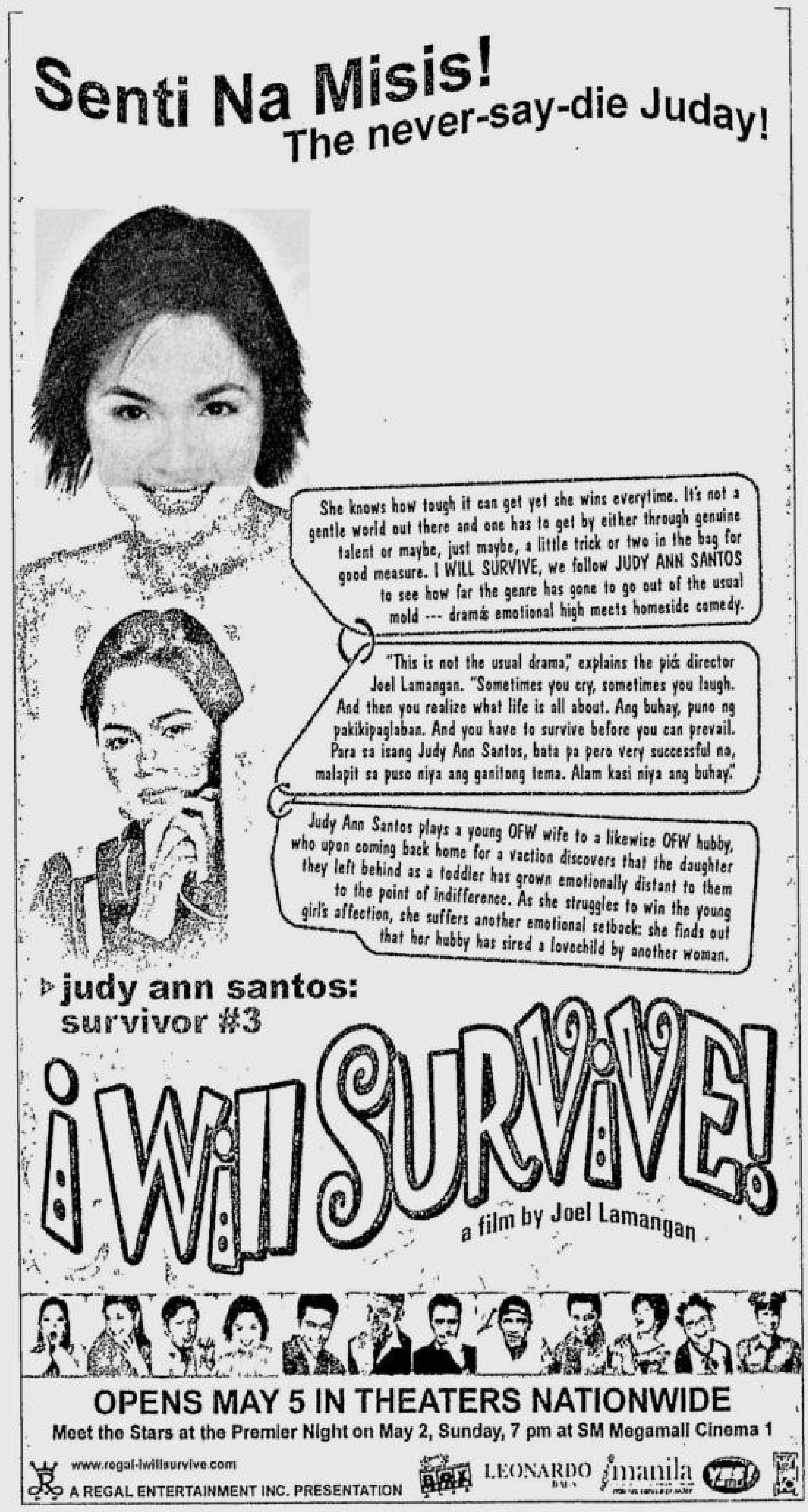
Senti Na Misis!
The never-say-die Juday!

She knows how tough it can get yet she wins everytime. It's not a gentle world out there and one has to get by either through genuine talent or maybe, just maybe, a little trick or two in the bag for good measure. I WILL SURVIVE, we follow JUDY ANN SANTOS to see how far the genre has gone to go out of the usual mold --- drama's emotional high meets homeside comedy.

"This is not the usual drama," explains the pic's director Joel Lamangan. "Sometimes you cry, sometimes you laugh. And then you realize what life is all about. Ang buhay, puno ng pakikipaglaban. And you have to survive before you can prevail. Para sa isang Judy Ann Santos, bata pa pero very successful na, malapit sa puso niya ang ganitong tema. Alam kasi niya ang buhay."

Judy Ann Santos plays a young OFW wife to a likewise OFW hubby, who upon coming back home for a vaction discovers that the daughter they left behind as a toddler has grown emotionally distant to them to the point of indifference. As she struggles to win the young girl's affection, she suffers another emotional setback: she finds out that her hubby has sired a lovechild by another woman.

judy ann santos:
survivor #3

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Ang Praning Na Bading
Win ang pambansang bading ---Eric!

Just when everybody's just about ready to concede survival of the fairer sex to the fairer sex, along comes ERIC QUIZON, I WILL SURVIVE, with a sure-win performance in the role of a closet gay who doubles as a hard working "single parent" to two boys. One of whom is deadset on proving his hunches true --- that his dad is gay!

"Wagi ang bakla ditto!" says Eric. "It says a lot of things na totoo about life. How a lot of people judge other people in good and bad ways. How we ourselves try to make excuses kahit na hindi naman dapat. Until we finally find out na hindi naman pala dapat. Na wala naman palang dapat na itago or be apprehensive about basta't kilala mo ang sarili mo --- at alam mong matinong tao ka at wala kang inaaping ibang tao in the process."

"Eric Quizon is a very competent actor, a very inventive one. He attacks the role without losing his focus, first, as a man struggling against a homophobic society's view of gays; and second, as a person burdened with the responsibility of a father bringing up two young boys on his own. May motherhood statement siya!" comments the pic's director Joel Lamangan.

eric quizon:
survivor #4

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FIRST GENTLEMAN CUP

Red Star Rising heads cast

RED Star Rising, Free Wind and Success Story head the cast competing in the P1.7-million PCSO First Gentleman Silver Cup at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

"The PCSO is again proud sponsor to the running of the First Gentleman Silver Cup, a testament of the PCSO's commitment to the improvement of the local horse-racing industry which, over the years, has been a loyal partner of the PCSO in the noble task of raising funds for charity," said PCSO general manager and acting chair Rosario C. Oriarte.

Red Star Rising, Free Wind and Success Story are the current headliners in the older horses' division who have prominently figured in three recent championship races.

The 2003 PCSO Presidential Gold Cup winner, Red Star Rising will attempt to score a rare Gold Cup-Silver Cup double and rebound from back-to-back runner-up defeats against Free Wind and Success Story in the 2004 Freedom Cup and the 2004 Philracom Commissioner's Cup races, respectively.

Free Wind, meanwhile, will also gun for a similar cup double as he emerged victorious in the 2002 PGC before being sidelined by injuries earlier last year.

Boracay, *ito ang* world-class!

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

LET'S talk about the "*wa*-class" first.

Reader Elmer Solidon of Marikina City said he now believes that the racetrack in Carmona, Cavite, indeed deserves its now-famous moniker.

Mr. Solidon recently got a taste of a "*wa*-class" experience, prompting him to write us "for all the *bayang karerista* to know." Read on.

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

The "weird class" race track did it again!!!

Why would it take a racing club with pretensions of being "world class" almost half an hour to resolve a photo finish?

I am talking about the photo for third place between Beatitudes and Imus Emperor (Race 6, April 10) at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Bakit hindi nila gayahin yung PRCI *na kitang-kita yung kabayo sa* inner rail *dahil sa salamin doon sa* finish line? *Nagkakaroon tuloy ng suspetsa na hindi mabuti ang bayang karerista kagaya ng nangyari kanila* Conquer D' Sun *at* Adam's Call *diyan din sa* SLLP.

More power to you and *bayang karerista*!

E.C. Solidon
Marikina City

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Now, this is world class.

After nine long years, I was finally able to set foot in Boracay again.

Spending four unforgettable days in the island paradise last week was indeed a world-class experience.

From festive Kalibo up to Caticlan, the gateway to Boracay, my heart throbbed with excitement as the boat loaded with a happy throng skimmed the serene, blue sea toward the hankered destination.

More than anything else, I knew I would stroll down barefooted on White Beach and swim on its crystal-clear waters once more.

Yes, Boracay's talcum-fine sand is still a sight to behold, it's balmy, soothing weather still providing instant relaxation to the weary soul.

But times, indeed, have changed.

From a sprinkling of cottages nine years ago, the entire 7-km stretch of the island is now dotted with topnotch hotels, with the old ones undergoing massive renovations to catch up with the competition.

By day, the island pulsates with various activities—people swimming as if there's no tomorrow, youngsters enjoying the banana boat ride, jet-skiing, parasailing and playing beach volleyball, foreign tourists going to the dive sites, and others simply getting a perfect tan under the glorious sunshine.

And how I missed using the flashlight I brought because it's no longer the "in thing" there when dusk sets in.

At night, Boracay turns into one big party place, lights blinking left and right from practically all the establishments playing reggae, rock, jazz, soul or folk music. Bob Marley and even Paolo Santos sound-alikes always merit second looks from strollers.

After all these years, the place to go is still the Talipapa where souvenir-hunters haggle for the best bargain with local traders 24/7.

Among the new hotels on the block, it's Le Soleil de Boracay that is attracting visitors like magnet.

And yes, the fad there these days is having a henna tattoo. It's cool and you're in when you sport one.

"You've never been to Boracay, man, if you haven't got one," said Ralf, a German tourist who had his right shoulder tattooed with a dragon.

The day before I left, I met this fellow again, and waved my right hand to show him the tattoo I had around my wrist. "You've been here, my friend," he said.

I promised to be in Boracay again next year because its as though "*wa*-class" things never exist there.

Everything there, for me, is world class.

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Kudos to Ed Fuentes and Joem Hernandez for helping make the recent Nestea Beach Volley Championships a huge success. I also raise a glass to Hector Jimenez and Mildred Amon of PJ Lhuillier Inc.

Sa isang taon uli?

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E-mail One Winner at evillanueva@inquirer.com.ph or edongvilla@yahoo.com.

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Epson badminton camp May 10

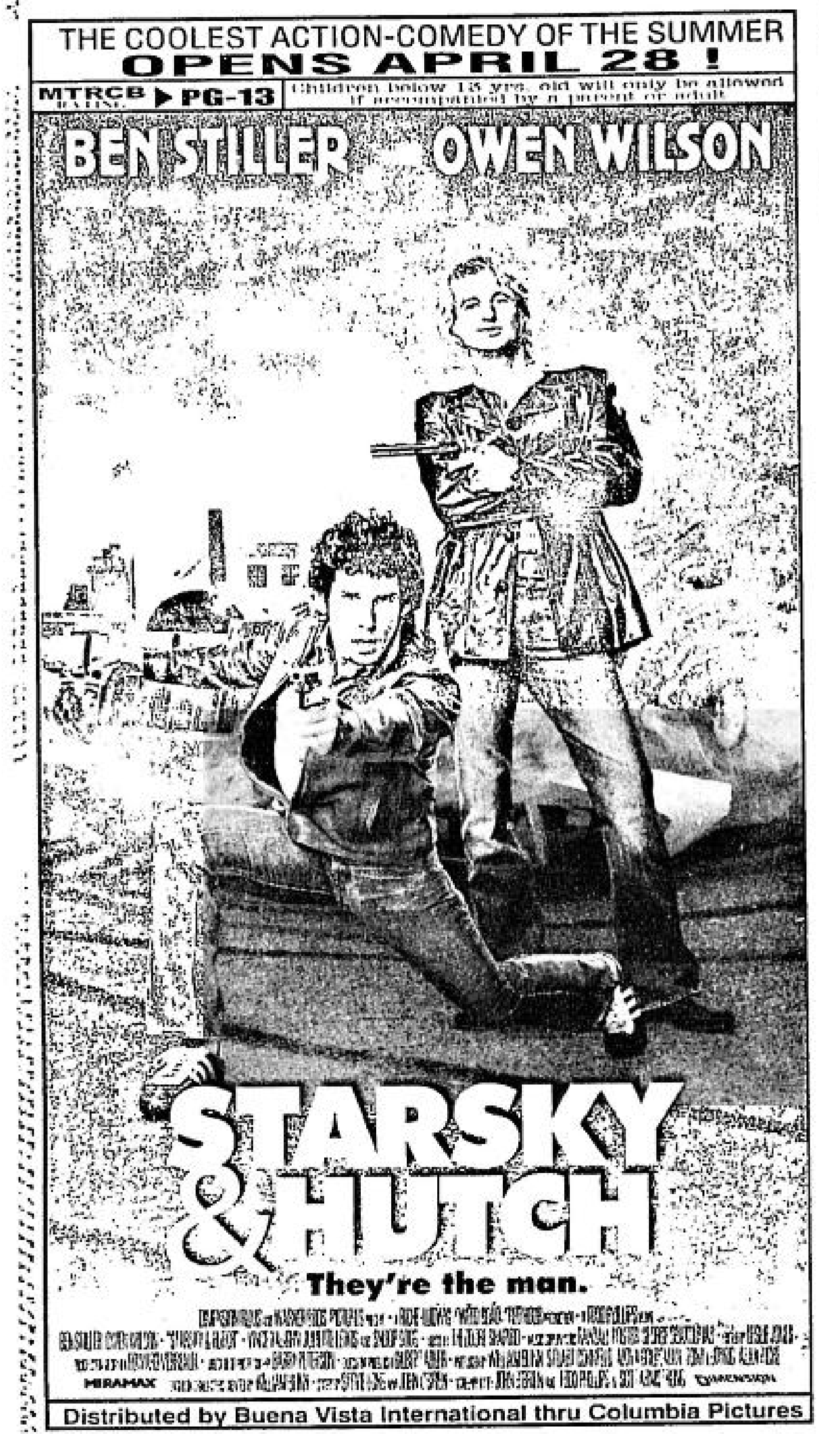
THE SECOND training schedule of the Epson Summer Badminton Camp reels off May 10 with hundreds of shuttlecock enthusiasts expected to troop to the Pioneer Badminton Club in Mandaluyong City.

Camp director Eg Lim will oversee the camp along with former national teammates Steven Yan and Malvin Alcala.

Aside from learning the fundamentals of the sport and improving their motor skills, Lim said camp participants will be taught the rules of the game and the proper court discipline and etiquette.

Training modules will also be prepared so the participants can get the feel of actual competition and practice what they have learned during the camp, which runs until May 31.

Interested parties may call 7460828 or 6385343. *June Navarro*



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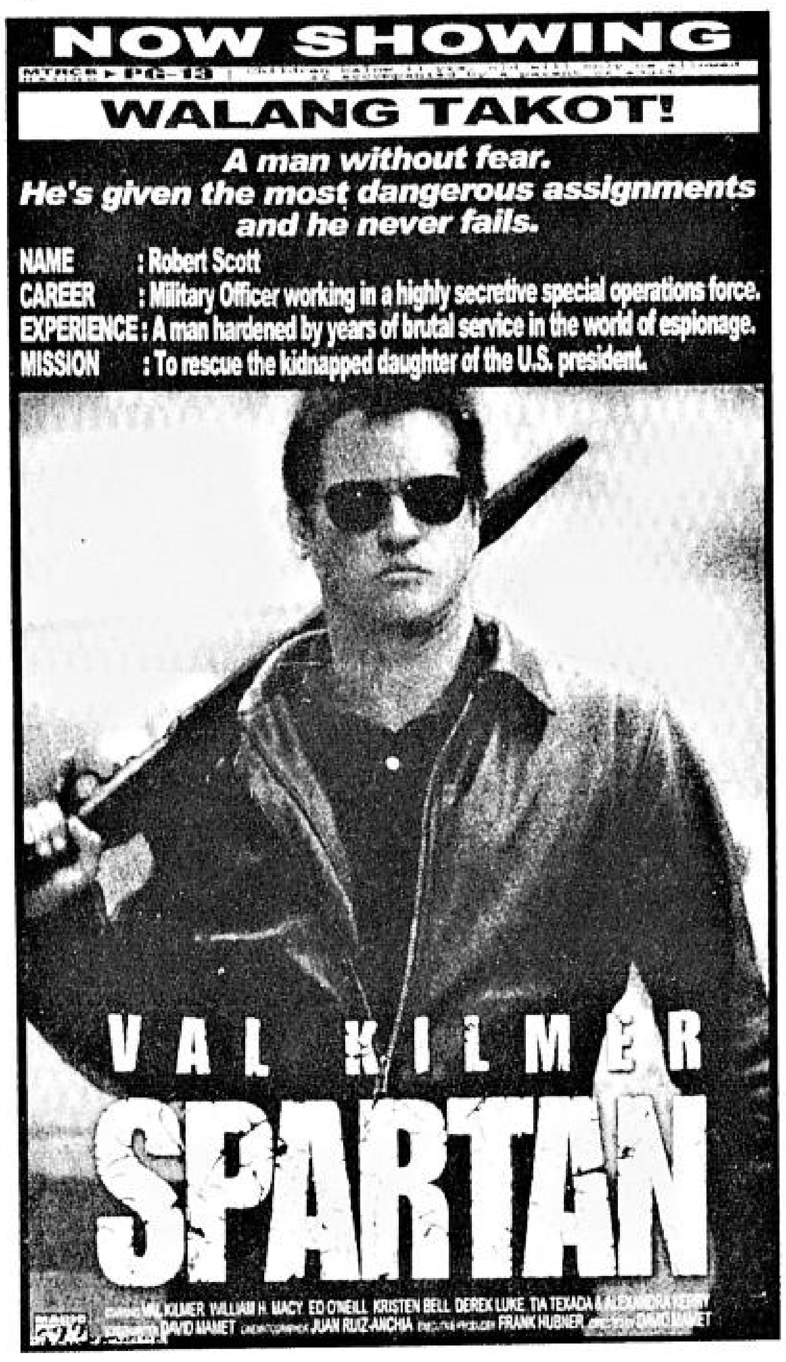

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DENZEL WASHINGTON
MAN ON FIRE
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Kidnapping facts in Mexico City:

- a kidnapping occurs every six hours on average
- average asking price is around $280,000 and the final payment usually negotiated to about $19,000.
- about 80 or 90 percent of the 'kidnappable' people were kidnapped
- TAXI GRAB: As many as 4,000 'express' kidnappings occur in Mexico each year. Passengers in unlicensed taxis are driven to ATMs and forced to withdraw money

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Streetball elims today

THE ADIDAS Streetball Challenge 2004 resumes with its South Luzon eliminations today at the at the Dela Salle Lipa gym in Batangas.

Seniors and girls streetball contestants will pit skills the cagefest for the right to represent the region in the adidas Streetball Challenge 2004 Luzon Finals.

Winners in the Southern Luzon Eliminations move on to the Finals to be held on May 8 and 9 at the Robinson's Star Mills in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The national champions will carry the country's colors to the adidas Asian Streetball Finals slated September this year in Seoul, South Korea, where the Philippines will defend the Asian title it won in 2002 through the University of Visayas.

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Button snares pole

IMOLA, Italy—BAR Honda's Jenson Button beat Michael Schumacher for his first pole position Saturday at the San Marino Grand Prix, breaking the Ferrari driver's run of three straight poles to open the season.

Schumacher was faster than the British driver for most of his run, but lost control slightly and swerved a bit in the final section, placing him in the second front-row spot. *AP*

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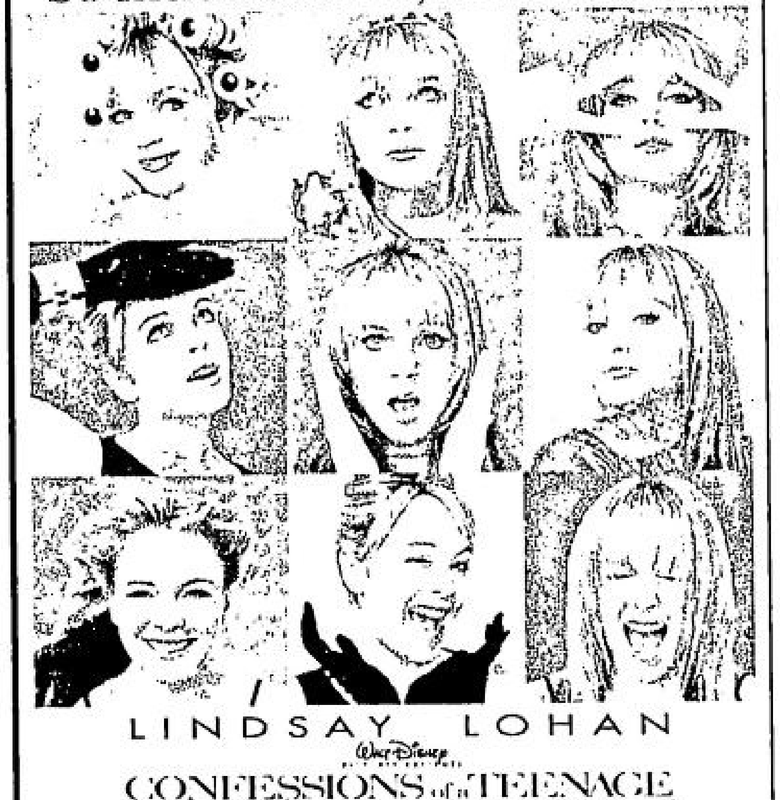

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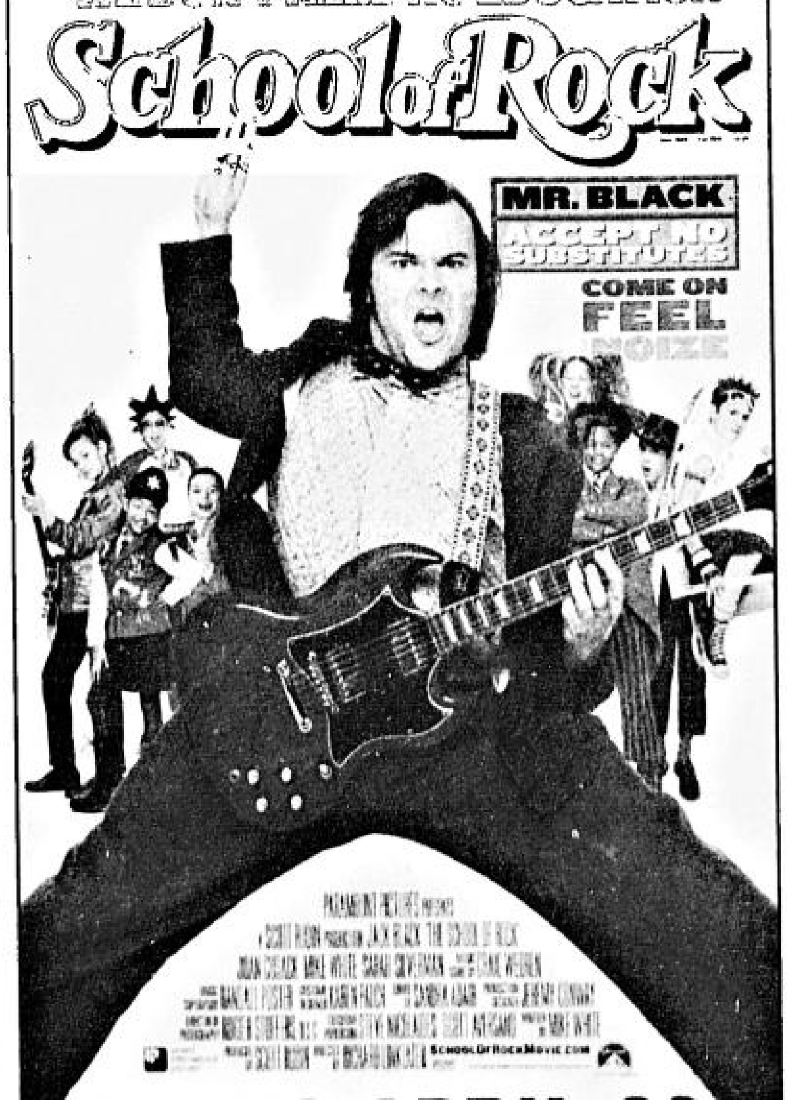

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Pacquiao opponent just a kilo above weight limit

By Salven L. Lagumbay, *Contributor*

TWO weeks before his May 8 showdown with Filipino champion Manny Pacquiao, WBA/IBF featherweight king Juan Manuel Marquez is now down to a comfortable weight of just 1.348 kg over the featherweight limit.

After a highly intense training yesterday at Mexico City's Romanza Gym, the 30-year-old Marquez tipped the scales at 58.5 kg, drawing applause from trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain and his sparmates.

The featherweight limit is set at 57.152 kg (126 lb).

"I am acquiring a great preparation, and because of that I will arrive at this fight with a hard training of two months and a half. I have trained myself as never before, because I do not have another purpose but to defeat the Philippine boxer," Marquez stated in an interview with box-latino.

Marquez maintained that the boxing world will see one truly great fight on May 8 between two of the present-day legends.

To counter Pacquiao's offensive, Marquez said he would use a lot of movement and try to avoid the Filipino's left hand.

Meanwhile, Trainer of the Year Freddie Roach yesterday imposed an off-limits policy to fans for the remaining days of Pacquiao's sparring at the Wild Card Gym.

Roach, who is also scheduled to train Mike Tyson in his next fight, explained that he wants no distraction whatsoever for Pacquiao going into the most crucial days of his training for Marquez.

In another development, it will be make or break for Rev "Gentle Giant" Santillan today as he tries to regain the OPBF welterweight belt against Japanese titleholder Hiroshi Watanabe in a 12-round showdown at the Park Arena in Komaki, Japan.

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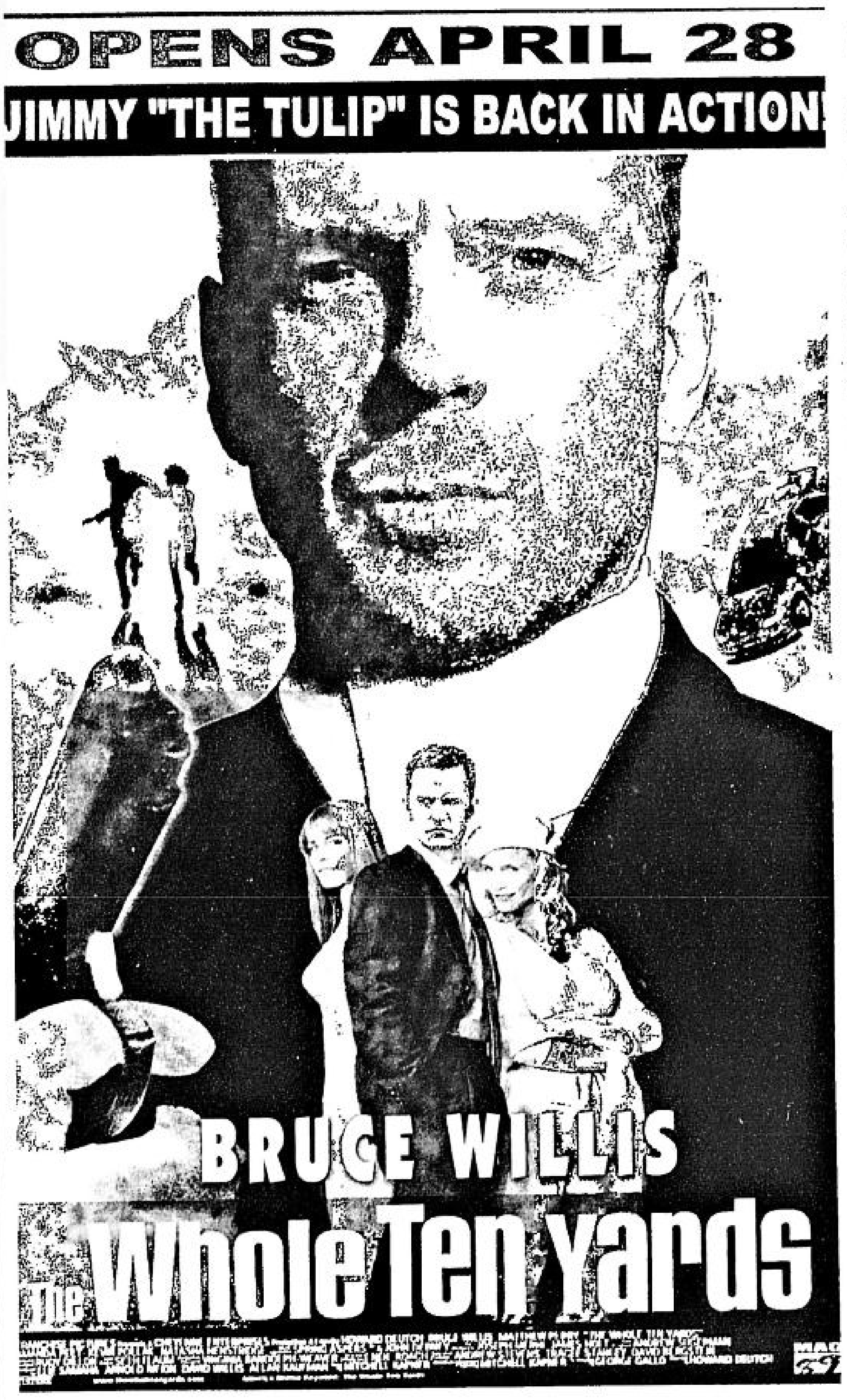

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The Whole Ten Yards

O'Hara grabs pole

ROSARIO, Batangas—John O'Hara of Shell Kinetic F3 Racing topped the qualifying time trials Saturday to grab pole position in Sunday's running of the Addict Mobile Asian Formula 3 Super Prix Series.

O'Hara clocked 1 minute and 25.13 seconds—the best time among all 14 drivers the last three days—a good two-tenths of a second ahead of Christian Jones of Australia, who registered a time of 1 minute and 25.37 seconds.

"He's a very good driver. No doubt about it," said British rival Mark Goddard, skipper of Castrol Team Goddard-Minardi Team Asia who finished third at 1 minute and 25.76 seconds.

While neither man nor machine has derailed the 22-year-old Irish who has finished first in all three practice rounds, Goddard believes the climate could prove a factor in Sunday's race at the blistering grounds of the newly refurbished Batangas Racing Circuit.

"This is the first time he's going to race in this type of heat and humidity. And to drive in these conditions is incredibly demanding. Because when you get tired, you suffer," added the 34-year-old managing director of AF3 Corp.

Goddard, whose time off the top spot has been reduced from a full four seconds down to six-tenths of a second Saturday, felt he could have overtaken O'Hara had he not been forced to check the water meter on his dashboard.

The RP charge was led by 16-year-old Castrol Team Goddard-Minardi Team Asia driver Tyson Sy, whose time of 1 minute and 26.86 seconds was good for fourth on the grid.

Fujitsu Ten Toyota Team Tom's Enzo Pastor, another teen prodigy, was fifth in 1 minute and 26.99 seconds.

One Filipino—Carlos Anton of Autoplus team—failed to make the Sunday race due to mechanical failure.

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'If you know the past, you know why things are'

WASHINGTON SyCip is the man every businessman would love on his team.

RUDY ESPERAS

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

IT is hard to describe the stature of Washington SyCip in Philippine business. Suffice it to say that in most of the major transactions in the country during the past 50 years, his guiding hand was present.

When the Filipinos, led by the Lopez family, took over Meralco, then an American firm, he was the auditor; he was party to the division of the Cojuangco properties when the patriarch passed away; he advised Jose "Jobo" Fernandez when the former Central Bank governor set up Far East Bank & Trust Co.

"In many things, if you know the past, you know why things are," he states. This is why to this day he is a sought-after consultant, both here and abroad.

At 83, SyCip travels more than half of the year. In 2001, he was out 182 days; in 2002, 165; and last year, because of SARS, he was only abroad 145 days. His travels, he says, are mostly for consultancy work or to attend board meetings.

The only criticism that has been thrown at him is that he is an American citizen and can easily afford to criticize policies or programs. But he points out, "I've always helped any president (of the Philippines) who asked my help."

INQUIRER's Business Section invited SyCip to dinner recently, during which he shared his views on politics and economics.

No late bloomer

SyCip was no late bloomer. His brilliance shone even as a kid. He entered school when he was five years old, was accelerated three times in elementary, finished high school's required four years and was done with a Commerce degree in two and a half years. He graduated summa cum laude at 17.5 years.

He took the certified public accountant board exam and passed but was not allowed to practice until he turned 21. While waiting for the board results, the University of Sto. Tomas, his alma mater, asked him to teach. He was younger than all of his students.

While teaching, he pursued a Master's degree in Science in Commerce in UST where he graduated with highest distinction.

SyCip comes from a well-to-do family but his father believed in the public school system. "He wanted us to know the people in this country," he says.

Product of public school

Both his parents were Chinese. His father was born in the Philippines but his family was from the Fujian province. His dad studied law at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and topped the Philippine bar.

His parents met on a ship going back to Manila from the US where his mom studied.

His mother's family used to own the largest publishing firm in Asia—the Chinese Commercial Press. It was bombed by the Japanese during World War II and is now owned by the Chinese government.

SyCip and his four siblings were sent to public schools. He was a product of Burgos School and V. Mapa High School in Manila.

He went to UST, a private institution because the University of the Philippines, his first choice, did not have a Business School then.

His options were UST and De La Salle University. He says he took up business because his father was already a lawyer.

When the CPA board results came out and realizing that he could not practice anyway, SyCip asked permission from his dad, to pursue a masteral degree in auditing at the Columbia University in New York. As expected he graduated top of his class and his professor, Thomas Byrnes, who was also head of the auditing department at Columbia and who owned a medium-sized accounting firm, invited Sycip to work with him.

FIRST JOB

He was the first non-white employee of Byrnes and Baker, and possibly the first non-white in the entire accounting industry in the US. Byrnes had to ask permission from a client if it was okay for a foreigner to handle his accounts.

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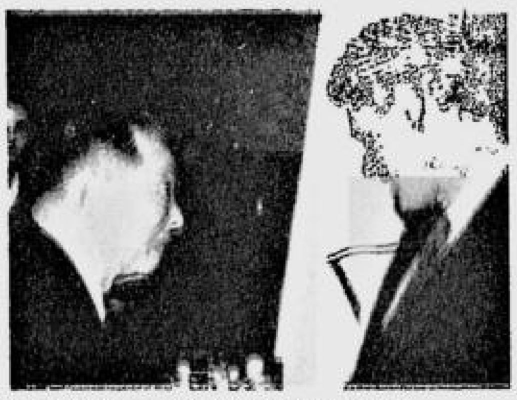
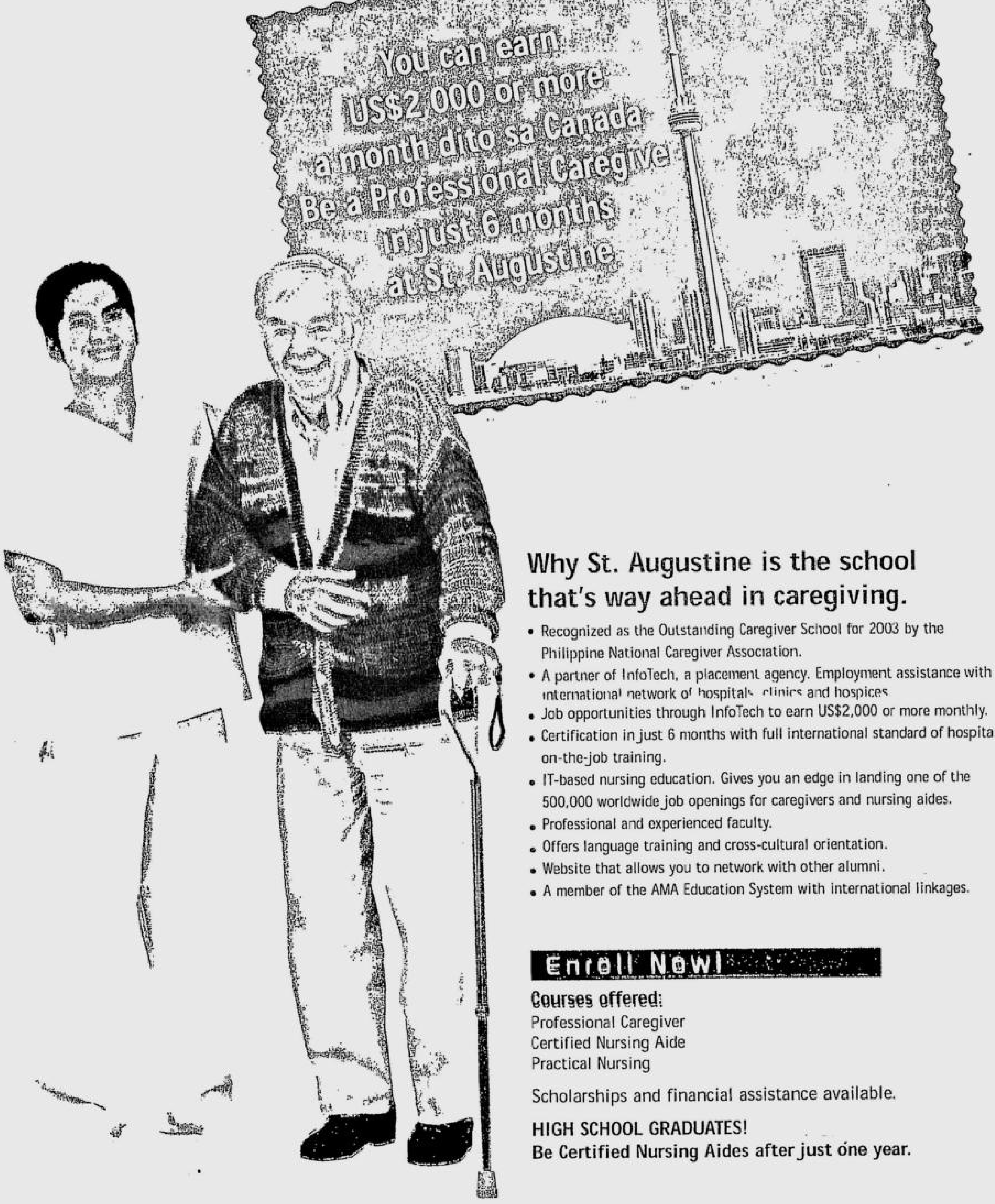


WITH then US President Bill Clinton

WITH SGV & Co. co-founder Alfredo Velayo (left), a classmate since grade school.



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400-year-old town steps forward with 'tsinelas'

By Romulo O. Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LILIW, Laguna—Manufacturers, dealers and traders of this town's famous footwear products are one in saying the footwear industry in this 434-year-old municipality is a lucrative business.

These people further agree that the launching of the Liliw Gat Tayaw Tsinelas Festival three years ago, is a significant factor in the development of the industry.

This year's festival falls on April 21-25.

P2,000 capital

Among local footwear manufacturers who benefited from the upswing of footwear industry are Elmer Orenciana, 45, and wife Marietta, 45.

Orenciana says he started producing footwear products when he was only 13 years old under his parents' small business. When he got married, he and his wife started managing their own footwear venture in 1977 with a capital of only P2,000.

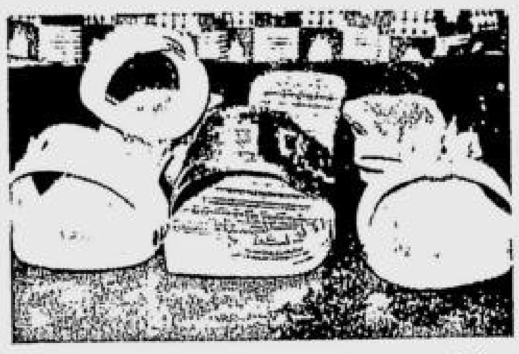
Before their marriage, Elmer and Marietta both worked as footwear contract workers of the biggest manufacturer in town, Badong. Badong supplies 15 outlets in the town.

Orenciana says their factory, which rests on a 120-square-meter lot that they are still paying for, is known here as one that produces the best quality slip-ons and *tsinelas* (slippers).

There are 15 trading outlets in town that get footwear supplies from Badong, whose 15 workers (10 males and five females) produce one dozen pairs daily.

The Orencianas pay P1,500 to P2,000 each per week for average workers.

Elnora H. Ilocso, 54, whose family owns the Banhai Footwear Store, says her family orders various footwear products from the Orencianas. She notes that the couple's products are the best in the area and have reached stores like Rustan's, Landmark and Shoemart.



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The Orencianas still consider themselves smalltime manufacturers, though their business is earning well.

Both Born Again Christians, they say they owe much of their success to God. Amid their busy work, the wife always finds time to go to their Church and pray.

GMA endorsement

Ilocso says she witnessed how the footwear industry in her town boomed significantly as a result of the personal endorsement made by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"President Macapagal took the cudgel of being our products' 'model' or endorser and she succeeded in making these products known all over the country and even throughout the world," Ilocso says.

She observes that buyers have developed a habit of coming to Liliw on particular days suited to their ways of life.

During weekdays, the wholesalers flock to the town.

On weekends and holidays, it's the local tourists who come in droves.

The *balikbayans* (overseas Filipino workers) or foreigners, Ilocso notes, come to the place any day or anytime of the week.

Her family is among residents in Liliw who were attracted lately to venture into the business of footwear trading.

She says her children manage the family business, which they named Banhai Footwear. Banhai (y) is the local term for "sole," which is a part "of an item of footwear on which the sole rests and upon which the wearer treads."

Her husband, Eduardo, 54, a businessman, is now incapacitated after suffering a heart attack recently.

Starting with a capital of about P200,000 last year, Ilocso says the business is very lucrative.

Without revealing her family business' income, she assures that there are bright prospects for the local footwear industry.

"A Filipino resident in Vietnam is at present negotiating with us on how to open a market there," Ilocso discloses.

She predicts that as long as the government sustains its support for the industry, the local footwear trade would go a long way.

Government support, she adds, should go as far as providing protection against smuggling by unscrupulous individuals and protecting manufacturers from the ill effects of import liberalization.

Encouraging

Doralyn B. Saret, 33, a Hotel and Restaurant Management graduate, resigned from her job at the Midland Hotel and took over the 30-year-old Shalom Footwear business of her parents in 2001.

She and her husband, Erick, a former overseas Filipinos worker, started the business with about P10,000.

She says the trade is very encouraging. On ordinary days, her net income per day is about P500. During festival days and holidays, the daily net income is P2,000.

This made her husband quit his contract abroad and decide to focus on their business.

The residents hope the growth of the industry is here to stay.

'If you know the past, you know why things are now'

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He worked for about $120 a month.

The client, Long Island Duck, said yes. Long Island Duck brought Peking ducks from China and bred them in the US. SyCip's job was to audit the firm's books.

World War II broke out in 1942. SyCip applied for the Philippine Infantry Unit but his IQ test showed an intelligence level "too superior" for the infantry.

He was sent to a Japanese language school where he learned to speak Japanese in eight months. He was posted in the radio squadron interpreting Japanese coded messages. Because of the sensitivity of his post, he had to be sworn in as an American citizen.

After the war, SyCip came home. His father had been imprisoned and he recalled that he was as "thin as a toothpick."

"Everybody hated the Japanese. I did not go to Japan for eight years," he says. And he regretted it because he forgot the language.

But SyCip was destined for other things. He noted that most of the big firms, then multinationals, sought foreigners to become their managers.

On the other hand, the Filipino-owned firms were not looking outside to get managers. They were grooming their own children to eventually take over their businesses.

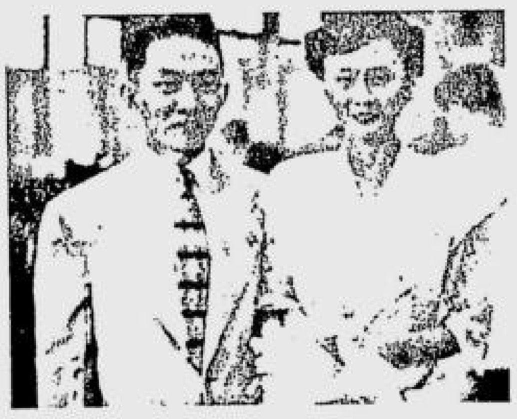
SyCip saw an opportunity. Together with his elementary classmate, Alfredo Velayo, and Ramon Gorres who used to work for an American auditing firm, they set up what is now the largest auditing and consultancy firm in the country—SGV & Co.—in 1946.

SyCip recalls his father was then president of ChinaBank and was one of the top executives at that time. But he did not help them set up the firm. "My dad was known for his integrity and had no conflict of interest. At least I didn't have to prove myself," he says.

The success of SGV & Co. is well-known. SyCip has left years ago but his name will forever be imprinted on the pages of Philippine business history.

Today, he assumes posts that are the most influential in the local and international scene. He is chair of the board of trustees and board of governors, Asian Institute of Management; member, Harvard University Asia Center advisory committee; chair Asia Pacific advisory committee, New York Stock Exchange; member of the board of directors of a number of major firms in Asia; member of the International Advisory Boards of the American International Group in New York.

SYCIP (middle) came from a well-to-do family. His father was a lawyer and banker and his mother was a leader in the Chinese community.



SYCIP and Anne Yu on their wedding day

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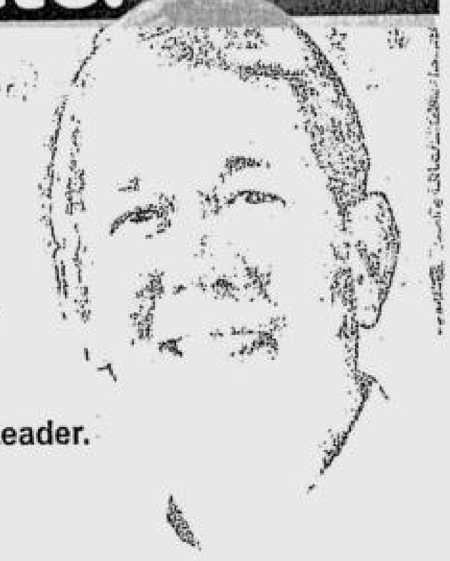

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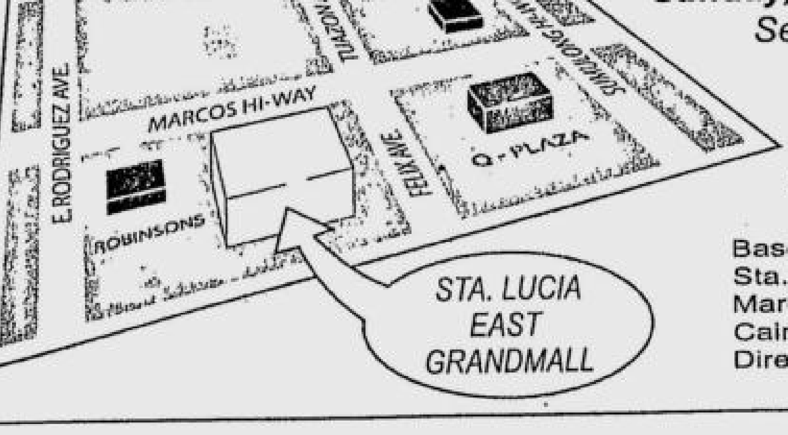

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Personalities share their experiences with the Advantage Card.

Because of her busy schedule, ABS-CBN's Ces Drilon does her supermarketing once a month or once in two months. As a regular shopper, she immediately saw the benefits of the card.

"I like the savings one can get from points earned and for the exclusive discounts at SM Supermarket," she says. "This is good for a bulk buyer like me who has four perennially hungry boys who like to hang out at home."

Chiqui Roa-Puno, who hosts the "Mommy Academy" at ABC 5 and "Travel" at IBC 13, regularly shops at the SM Department Store and Supermarket, and unwinds with friends and family at the SM Bowling Center.

Having an SM Advantage Card "makes me look forward to my next visit to SM. Not only does it give me more value for money, but also special discounts."

TV personality Cathy Santillan shares her passion for shopping with daughter Kina.

"Checking out the new items at the SM Department Store, shopping for my groceries at the SM Supermarket, and watching a movie, at the cinema is always a fun experience for me," says Cathy who visits SM at least once a week.

Tina Revilla, host of the PCSO lotto draws on TV, says having an SM Advantage card raises the shopping stakes. "I feel happy about having a card as I can earn rewards points. There's no doubt that I'll be recommending this to my family and friends. In fact, my sisters have it already."

CES Drilon

CHIQUI Roa-Puno

CATHY and Kina Santillan

TINA Revilla

Phones and coffee go beyond black

MOBILE phone firm Sony Ericcson tied up with the National Coffee Development Board (NCDB), to promote local coffee and its new line of phones.

The NCDB seeks to develop and promote the use of local coffee through the Kape Isla program.

The promo rolled out the country's unique and grand coffee festival in 20 cities from Davao to Baguio, with 12 participating coffee chains with 100 outlets. These include Basti's Brew, BluGre, Bo's Coffee Club, The Coffee Beanery, Coffee Dream, Cordillera Coffee, Figaro, Gloria's Jean's, Gourmet, McCafé, Mocha Blend's and Seattle's Best.

During the launch coffee concoctions were exhibited, as Sony Ericsson presented six of its latest mobile phone models: Sony Ericsson P900 Flagship Multimedia Smartphone, with video recording capability, 65K color touch screen, PDA/organizer, and games; the Sony Ericsson T630 Camera Phone, with dual side—one for the mirror-aid camera for self-portraiture, the other for telephony; the Sony Ericsson T230 ; the Sony Ericsson Z600; the Sony Ericsson Z200 with 4K color screen, 40-tone polyphonic sound and exchangeable Style Up fron panels in trendy colors; and the "2004 Phone of the Year," as chosen by GSM Association, Sony Ericsson T610, which has integrated digital camera, QuickShare, and 65,536 color screen. Beyond Black features a wide array of coffee concoctions available at these participating coffee shops tagged the Sony Ericsson Beyond Black Featured Cold Coffee Concoction, which for every purchase, cold coffee-loving people get a raffle coupon and enjoy prizes and freebies and the chance to win a Sony Ericsson T610.

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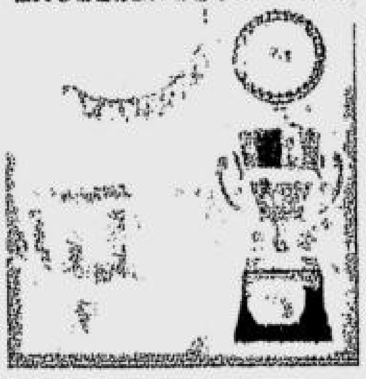

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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The establishment of the CDA 14 years ago is an indication that we are making headway in the development of cooperatives in the country. I am happy to note that CDA has already registered 64,996 cooperatives nationwide. This shows that the Filipino people are accepting cooperatives as instrument of equity, social justice and sustainable economic development.

I hope that the GMA sa Kooperatiba will go a long way in fostering unity and cooperation among all sectors of our society - - the coop sector, non-government organizations (NGOs), peoples' organizations (POs) and government organizations (GO). United, may we all strive to improve the quality of life of the Filipino people for the growth and progress of our nation through cooperativism. May we realize our vision of a strong Philippine Republic.

Congratulations to all who make the cooperative movement work in our country. Mabuhay ang kooperatiba! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!

Gloria Arroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

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Office of the President
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The launching of the Governance and Massive Advancement in Cooperatives dubbed as "GMA sa Kooperatiba" is indeed a significant occasion not only to the cooperative leaders and members but also to the cooperative movement in general.

The program is being launched in different parts of the country by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and its developmental partner agencies, the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation (Quedancor), National Livelihood Support Fund (NLSF) and National Credit Council of the Department of Finance (NCC-DOF) to bring to the people the programs and services of the government in uplifting their living condition through cooperatives.

The 64,996 registered cooperatives helped a multitude of people all over the country. The services they have rendered to their members had improved their living conditions as well as the economic status of our country..

These, of course, are attributable to the support our government has rendered to the cooperative movement in our country through "GMA sa Kooperatiba". The cooperative movement, I believe, will continue to march and contribute its share to economic prosperity and social justice.

Mabuhay ang kilusang kooperatiba! Mabuhay ang ating bansa!

RUBEN M. CONTI
Chairman

GOVERNANCE & MASSIVE ADVANCEMENT IN COOPS

By MERLA FERRERAS

In the light of the vital role of cooperatives in improving the quality of life of the people, particularly the low-income sector of the population in the urban and specially in the countryside, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) with its developmental partners launched the Governance and Massive Advancement in Cooperatives or aptly called "GMA sa Kooperatiba".

The GMA sa Kooperatiba aims to institutionalize cooperative development program geared towards effective and efficient governance and regulation of cooperatives.

Initially, the program was launched in Metro Manila held at the Bureau of Soils, Diliman, Quezon City on February 12, 2004. It was followed in Ilagan, Isabela; Legaspi City; Cagayan de Oro City; Malolos, Bulacan; South Cotabato; Tacloban City; Iloilo City; Mandaluyong City; Davao City; Manila and Baguio City. It will also be launched in other regions of the country.

The components of the GMA sa Kooperatiba are:

1. **CDA-Quedancor Cooperative Lending Program** - This is a new financing system that offers credit facilities to cooperatives with viable projects and other businesses. It provides revolving credit line or working capital for production, marketing, processing and related activities of cooperatives including micro-finance projects. It also extends term capital for fixed asset acquisition, construction of warehouses and other facilities needed by the cooperatives.

2. **CDA-National Livelihood Support Fund (NLSF)** – This program is for livelihood and enterprise development for the urban and rural poor. A pool of cooperatives that have organizational and management capability will serve as conduit for this program.

3. **CDA-NCC-DOF – BSP Tie-Up** - This is a multi-agencies collaborative program of the Department of Finance through the National Credit Council (DOF-NCC) and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on the installation of structure and policy system to regulate and supervise cooperatives with savings and credit services. In partnership with the NCC, the CDA will formulate the following: 1) rules and regulations for the safe and sound operations of credit cooperatives and other types of cooperatives; 2) accreditation criteria for cooperative federations and/or associations that will be deputized as supervisors of primary credit cooperatives; and 3) guidelines, procedures and standards for supervision and examination of cooperatives.

4. **CDA Express Lane Registration of Primary Cooperatives** - This is a simplified system of registering primary cooperatives which takes only 2-hour "process-release" of Certificate of Registration counted from the receipt of the completed documents by the CDA Registration Section. However, any misrepresentation of facts and figures stated in the form will render the registration null and void. And the fees paid is non-refundable.

Under this program, accredited cooperative trainers from non-government organizations and schools as well as secondary and tertiary cooperatives are encouraged to participate in this program by conducting Pre-Membership Education Seminar (PMES) for prospective members of a cooperative.

To address the needs of cooperatives nationwide, the CDA at present is implementing its Ten Point Action Agenda. These are:

1. **Development of a Cooperative Code of Good Governance**

In response to the growing demand for effective governance and massive advancement in cooperatives, the CDA shall be re-structured to suit appropriate items for personnel needed in the improvement of the implementation of the cooperative development program in the country.

2. **Establishing a Centralized Cooperative Financial System (CCFS)**

CCFS is a pool of financial resources from among cooperatives to improve access to financial services, enhance the management of information and sharing of the risk across cooperatives; expand savings and capital base; and enforce performance among participating cooperatives.

CCFS is a financial consortium program of the cooperative sector in partnership with the Land Bank of the Philippines, Office of the President, Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Quedancor and the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation.

Investment of 23 cooperatives from different regions to CCFS as of December 31, 2003 amounted to 9.585 million while pledges reached 31.835 million pesos. An Interim Project Management Council was created composed of se-

Quedancor, CDA join hands in developing rural coops

Recognizing the importance of cooperatives as a key pillar in the development of the country's agricultural sector, the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation (QUEDANCOR) has recently signed an agreement with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in offering credit facilities necessary for the funding of viable projects of cooperatives and other related businesses.

QUEDANCOR highly considers the role of cooperatives as its partners in bringing credit to individual households, businesses and micro-enterprises that in turn will result in the generation of more livelihood activities that will help augment their incomes.

The joint program, the QUEDANCOR-CDA Cooperative Lending Program, states three objectives in its goal to enhance the status of cooperatives: promote growth and development of cooperatives and augment the income of members; enable cooperatives to expand their business operations and directly connect them to supermarkets and other market outlets; and provide credit assistance and livelihood opportunities for credit worthy cooperatives with viable projects, thereby fostering robust economic activities in the rural areas.

Among the provisions stated is the loanable amount, which depends on the project cost/financial condition of the borrower or to be determined by the Quedan Operations Officer- Credit Assessment (QOO-CAG). However, micro-finance projects of cooperatives shall be given priority in the allocation of the credit funds. The loan for land acquisition shall be 80% of the market value but not to exceed P3.0 million.

The program also offers an 8% interest rate per annum regardless of the mode and term of payment.

Since its implementation last January, the program has granted a loan of P200,000.00 to one cooperative, the Lumbang Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Lumbang, Lipa city, Batangas last February 18, 2004. There are also 27 cooperatives applying for loans with 21 coops having their requests being processed.

CDA adopts express lane to hasten coop registration

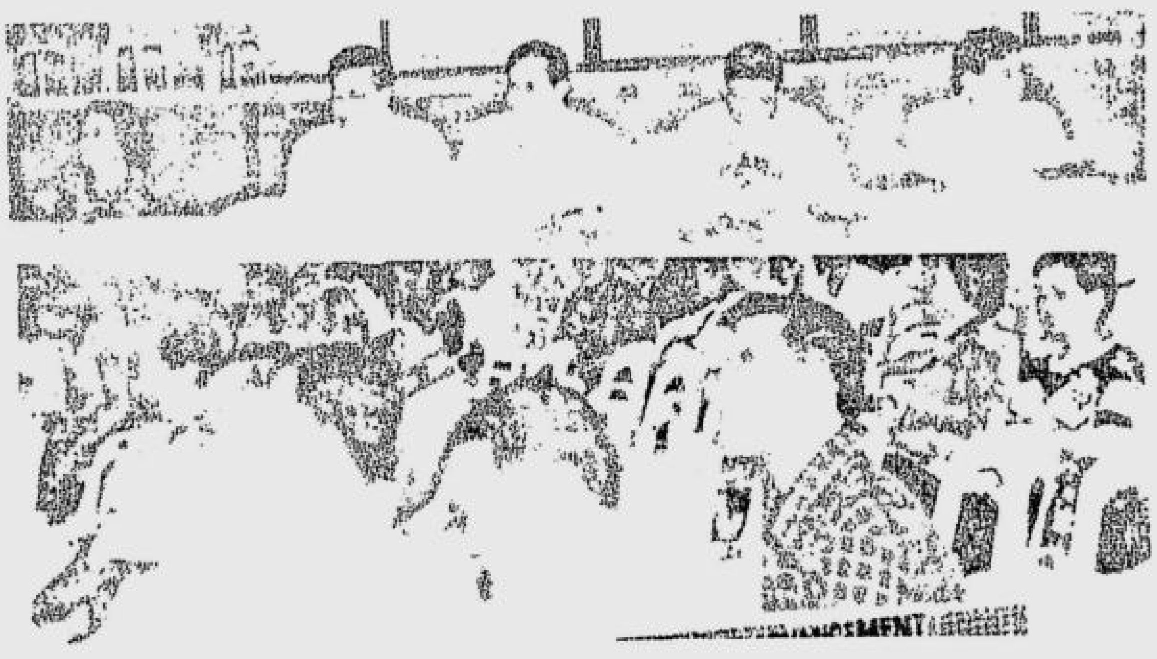
Ruben M. Conti, Chairman of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) announced that an easy and quick way of registering primary cooperatives through an express lane method is now being implemented by the CDA.

According to Conti, the new method in registering cooperative is being implemented to make it easier to register cooperatives for those interested to form a business through cooperatives. In this way, people interested in cooperatives and pooled their resources together can easily use cooperative to improve their living condition.

Under the new system, to register a primary cooperative, one has to secure express lane forms after name verification/reservation with a service fee of P30.00. The express lane forms are consist of pro-forma articles of cooperation, by-laws, treasurer's affidavit, undertaking to change cooperative name , undertaking to submit reportorial requirements, notes to articles of cooperation and economic survey available in all CDA extension offices.

The accomplished documents in four copies together with the name verification slip, bonds of accountable officers, certificate of pre-membership education seminar from accredited institutions or the CDA and endorsement letter from other government agencies, if necessary, must be complied with added Conti.

Certificate of Registration can be issued within two hours for as long as the documents are found to be complete and in order and upon payment of registration fee equivalent to one tenth of one percent of the authorized share capital but not lower than P1,000.00



Launching of the GMA sa Kooperatiba at Hiyas Convention Center, Malolos, Bulacan on March 10, 2004. It was attended by no less than 1,000 cooperative leaders and members from different cooperatives in Region III. Seated in top photo are, from left: CDA Administrator Virginia A. Teodosio, ASEC Arthur B. Pinili, CDA Chairman Ruben M. Conti, Bulacan Vice Governor Aurelio Flamenco, and CDA Region I Acting Director Manuel Mar.

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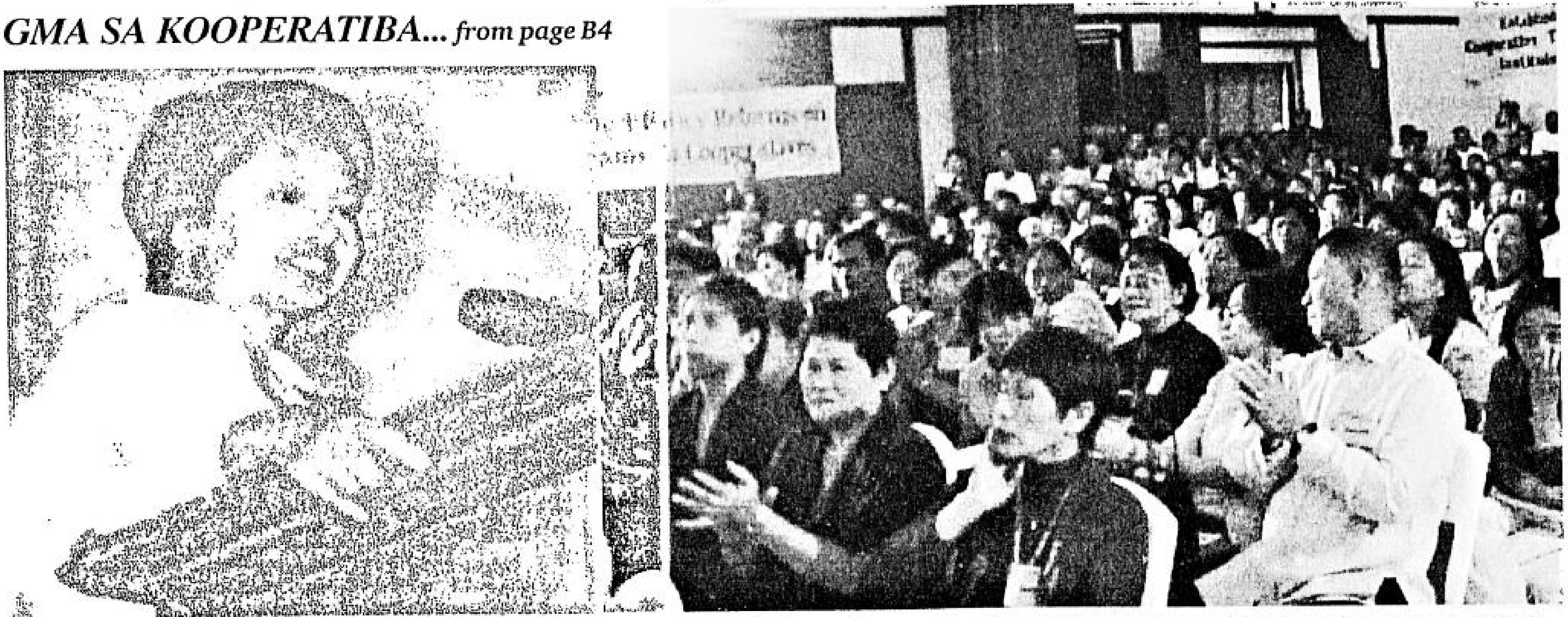

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo addresses participants of the Mindanao Cooperative Conference held in Cagayan de Oro City on March 6, 2004. The event coincided with the launching of the GMA sa Kooperatiba in Mindanao.

lected investors who serve as the decision -making body of the CCFS. It is chaired by the Land Bank of the Philippines with CDA as the Secretariat. The CCFS was registered with the CDA on January 23, 2004.

3. **Setting of Standards for Cooperatives**

A Standard Chart of Accounts for Credit Cooperatives and Performance Standard for Credit Cooperatives or Coop Pesos had been developed by the CDA and the coop sector together with representatives from other government agencies involved in the promotion, organization and development of cooperatives.

The Standard Chart of Accounts for Credit Cooperatives will be used in the accounting system of credit cooperatives while the Performance Standard for Credit Cooperatives or Coop Pesos will be used to evaluate the performance of credit cooperatives in terms of compliance to administrative requirements, management and financial performance.

At present, the Coop Pesos is under review for refinements. Standard Chart of Accounts and Performance Standard for other types of cooperatives are still underway for preparation.

4. **Cooperative Business Development Program**

The program aims to develop the business activities of cooperatives through the preparation and use of the following:

- A comprehensive directory of cooperative products for business matching with other coops and people interested in cooperative products.

- Packaged an integrated system of production, processing and marketing to increase value adding activities of the cooperative, using fish as a product of concern.

- Employed networking with local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs) engaged in developing new technologies using cooperatives as mechanism for transferring technology to improve rice productivity.

5. **Program for Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperatives**

Promotion, organization, and development of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperatives. The program aims to organize cooperatives among agrarian reform beneficiaries for purposes of managing and owning lands and undertaking economic activities.

For this, the CDA prepared an Integrated Livelihood Program for Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperatives including Poverty Alleviation Measures for possible funding by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) for its implementation.

6. **Cooperative Education Program**

The program aims to develop and produce the following:

- Modular and ladderized curriculum for training and continuing cooperative education;

- Competency-based standards for cooperatives;

- Cooperative Human Resource Development Program; and

- Social Auditing for Cooperatives

7. **Strengthening of Primary Cooperatives, Federations and Unions**

The program aims at the consolidation, merger, amalgamation of cooperatives with overlapping areas of operation and business functions to strengthen the basic unit of cooperative organizations through resource and benefit sharing.

8. **Cooperative Marketing Program**

This is to encourage intercoop trading between producers and consumers cooperatives to expand their business operations in terms of rice, vegetables, meat products and consumer products and directly connect them to supermarkets and other market outlets

9. **Conversion of Electric Cooperatives into Member-Owned Capital Stock Cooperatives**

The program's main phase is the development of the Supplementary Credit Program for Rural Electric Cooperatives which will provide finance and community development project assistance/services by giving these cooperatives preferential rates and shares in gains or net surplus.

The SCP will eventually be transferred into a Cooperative Finance Corporation which will provide finance services to RECs. At present, there are five electric cooperatives registered with the CDA since the program started in 1996. They continue to operate up to this date.

10. **Promotion, Organization and Development of Workers' Cooperatives**

This program aims to organize workers cooperatives to secure better pay for the members of cooperatives and eventually own and manage the business organizations they are working in.

With these programs on cooperativism, it is hoped that the vision of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to have peace and prosperity for our people and country will be realized.

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ILLC: Preparing special children for life

CONSISTENT with its mission-vision of providing leadership in the training and care of young and adolescent students with developmental conditions, the Independent Learning Centre (ILLC) situated along Wack-Wack road in Mandaluyong City spearheaded the first ILLC Friendship Cup held Feb. 7 at the SM Megamall bowling center. Thirty-three students from various schools and therapy centers participated in this pioneering event. The support of companies and individuals such as Ampalaya plus Food Supplements, Gatorade, Rex Publishing, Shell Philippines, SM Megamall and Mandaluyong City Vice Mayor Jessie Cruz, helped ensure the activity's success.

Sports has always been an integral component of the ILLC program. It not only fosters physical development, it also stimulates the mind and provides opportunities for meaningful social interaction.

ILLC's young and dynamic staff who hold graduate and/or postgraduate degrees in major universities here and abroad, offer functional and real-life activities such as personal management, car care, computer skills, food preparation, gardening and practical academics in home and community settings. Exposure trips and socials are organized weekly to develop the students' confidence and social skills and to facilitate community integration. Work rehabilitation programs are likewise offered to train older students to assume and sustain jobs that are meaningful to them.

Although a private facility, ILLC places equal value on social responsibility. In partnership with the local government of Mandaluyong City, ILLC has initiated a community-based rehabilitation program (CBR), which renders free therapy services to underprivileged children with disabilities. To make therapy more accessible, community volunteers have been trained to deliver these services right to these children's doorsteps. To date, with a handful of community volunteers and linkages, the current pool of 40 youth with various disabilities benefiting from this program continues to expand.

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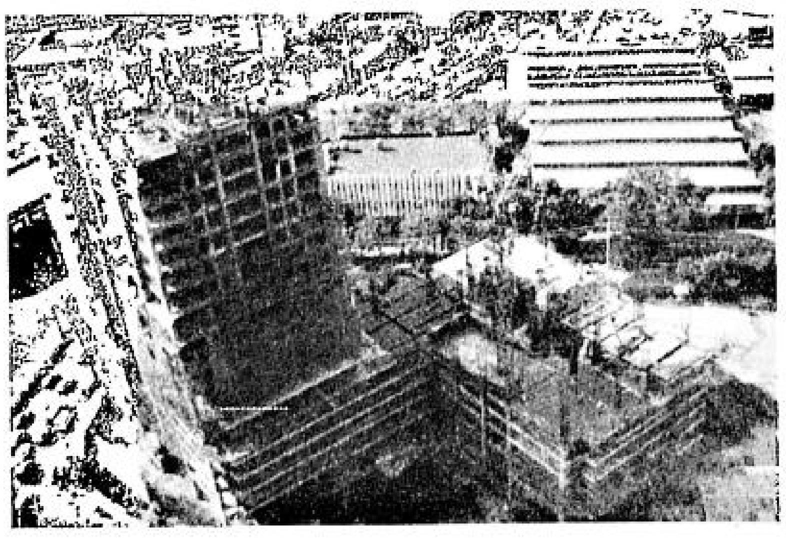
THE COLUMNS RISES HIGHER

Construction at The Columns, Ayala Avenue, the much-anticipated Makati condo, tops the 20th floor of its Tower 1 and 6th level of the Podium 2. Tower 3 of the three-tower, 30-storey development, from an Ayala Land company Community Innovations, Inc. is slated for construction 4th quarter of 2004.



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ATC HOLDS 1ST ATC OFFICER'S CUP

Amoranto Tennis Club (ATC) held its 1st ATC Officer's Cup last Feb. 28 to March 7. Photo shows the winners of the tournament: (standing from left) Elmer Grospe (ATC president and 2nd runner-up, Class B+), Jun Isabelo (1st runner-up, Class C), Willy Balacanao (1st runner-up, Class B), Abet Reyes (2nd runner-up, Class B). Seated (from left) Oscar Paclibre (2nd runner-up, Class C), Timmy Torres, (1st runner-up, Class B+), Andy Apostol (Amoranto Complex administrator), Congresswoman Nanette Castelo-Daza, Vincent Belmonte, John Legaspi (champion, Class B+), Virgie Carreon (champion, Class B) and Gil Cuyugan (champion, Class C) with proud grandson.

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Adidas Camp Subic

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PSLIS holds two-day seminar

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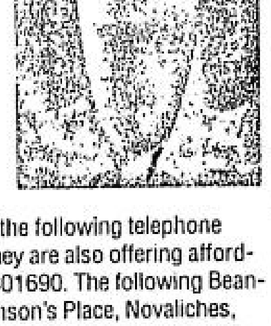
Beanhoppers Marilao opens



The latest Beanhoppers outlet to cater to the cravings of coffee connoisseurs is located at ground floor of SM Marilao in Bulacan. Owned by Mely Lao, Jasmine So and Christine Yusoo, the outlet boasts of a chill-out, cozy interiors plus a prompt and friendly staff. Beanhoppers is now offering a competitive franchise package. Qualified applicants can also take advantage of the option to open their stores in selected SM and Robinson's malls. Interested parties can call the following telephone numbers: 0926-2286834 and 0917-5140008. They are also offering affordable coffee catering. For booking inquiries call 9301690. The following Beanhoppers outlets are: Sgt. Esguerra St. Q.C., Robinson's Place, Novaliches, New Greenfields Edsa Central, SM Southmall, SM Marilao, Ayala Center, Cebu, Elizabeth Mall in Cebu, Crossroads Mall, Cebu and J. Llorente St., Cebu.

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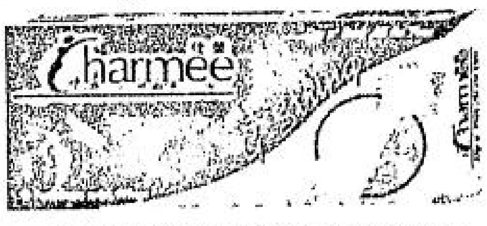

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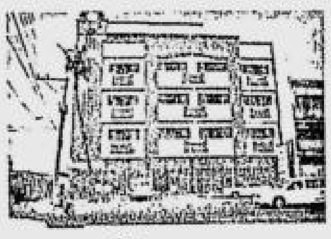

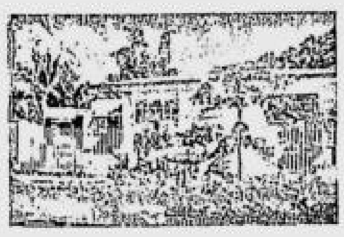

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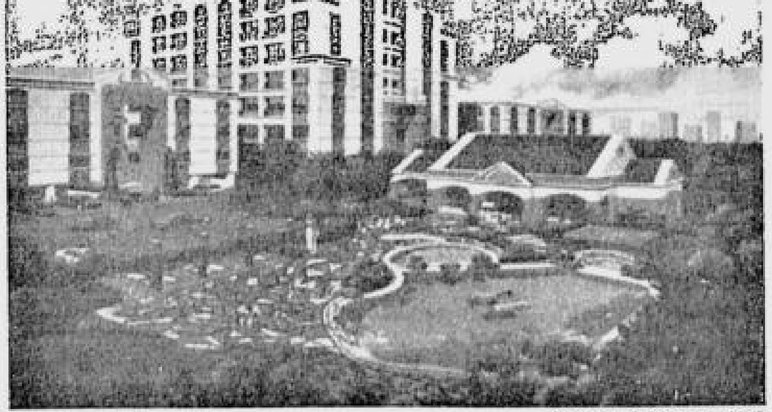

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Notice is given of the estate of the late DIOSCORO F. FETALVERO,SR was extra-judicially settled among the heirs as per Doc81 Page18 BookXVI Series2003 before Notary Public Atty. Renato R. Devera of Quezon City
PDI-April 25, May 2&9, 2004

Notice is given of the estate of the late FREDISVENDA F. FETALVERO was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc86 Page19 BookXIV Series of 2002 before Notary Public Atty. Rodelio I. Sergio of Quezon City
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NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Operation & Maintenance

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2004-005B

The National Transmission Corporation, South Luzon O&M Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) wishes to invite interested parties who are qualified to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

DATE OF BIDDING: MAY 25, 2004; 10:00 AM

SCHEDULE		ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER	APPROVED BUDGET
A1	1 SET	MULTI-FUNCTION PRIMARY TEST SYSTEMS	PSMD-N-04-059	P 5,400,000.00
A2	1 SET	AUTOMATED INSULATION ANALYZER	PSMD-N-04-060	9,860,000.00
A3	60 SETS	FAULT INDICATOR	3SL-04-037	5,400,000.00
A4	2773 PCS	STEEL CROSSARM	3SL-04-036	7,191,565.00

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference for the above schedules will be held on May 11, 2004; 2:00 PM at SLT bidding Room.

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLO&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00 per schedule starting April 27, 2004. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the Conference Room (OAVP), Transco-SL O&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until the specified date and time of bidding above after which said bids will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "R.A. 9184"

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 1% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Draft, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or 1.5% of the approved budget in the form of Bank Guarantee, or 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by GSIS or a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) G. R. LISTANO
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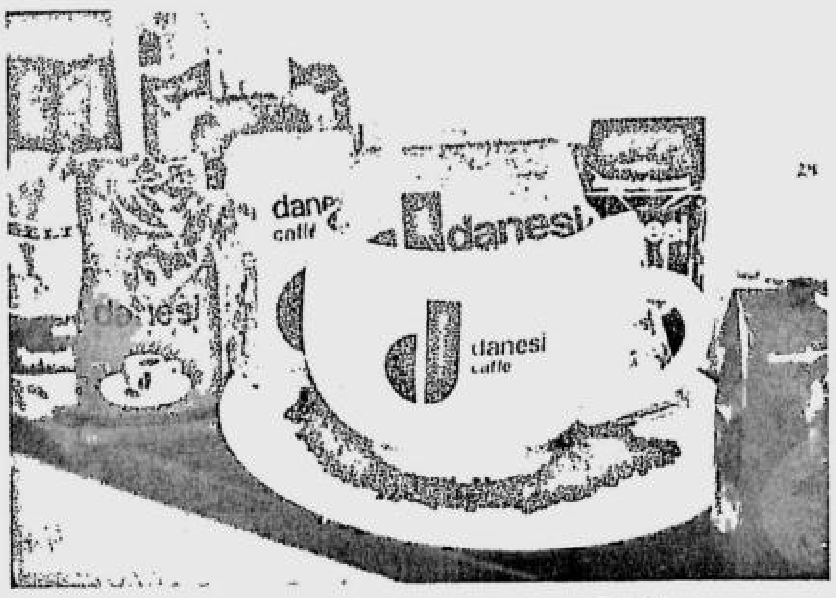

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 04-25-2004

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

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Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance from April 16, 2004 to May 10, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00). In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference : April 27, 2004 (2:00 pm)
Submission of Bids : May 11, 2004 (10:00 am)
Opening of Bids : May 11, 2004 (10:00 am onwards)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2

(PDI--April 18 & 25, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DepED THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
Division of Eastern Samar

Invitation For Bids (IFB)
ESM-22-01-2004

April 25, 2004

To All Qualified Bidders:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) towards the cost of financing the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines for procurement under JBIC Loans (Nov 1987).
2. The Division Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders of at least Small Sub-category B for the

Package ESM-22-017-006	Construction of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Classrooms School Building at Sabang Elementary School, Municipality of Oras
Package ESM-22-017-007	Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Agsam Elementary School and Construction of One (1) Unit – One (1) Classroom School Building at Saugan Elementary School, Municipality of Oras
Package ESM-22-001-005	Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit — Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Calumsan Elementary School and Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit — Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Tangbo Elementary School, Municipality of Arteche
Package ESM-22-003-004	Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Balangiga Central Elementary School and Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Classrooms School Building at Cag-olango Elementary School, Municipality of Balangiga
Package ESM-22-018-001	Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Quinapondan Central Elementary School and Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit—Two (2) Classrooms School Building at Sta. Cruz Elementary School, Municipality of Quinapondan
Package ESM-22-018-002	Repair/rehabilitation of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classrooms School Building at Santa Margarita Elementary School, Municipality of Quinapondan

3. Bidding documents may be purchased at Division Office of Eastern Samar with address at San Fernando St., Borongan, Eastern Samar from April 25 – May 24, 2004 for a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos Only (Php 1,500.00) for each set. Pre-bid conference will be on **May 13, 2004, 10:00 AM** at DepEd Division Office of Eastern Samar. Interested Bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of 2.5% of total bid price, and shall be delivered to Division's Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education – Division Office of Eastern Samar, San Fernando St., Borongan, Eastern Samar on or before **10:00 AM of May 25, 2004** at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

(Sgd.) **NINA J. VILLALON, Ph.D., CESO VI**
Chairperson
Division Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – April 25, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Center for Health Development-Eastern Visayas
EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Tacloban City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Health (DOH) through Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC), Hospital Bids & Awards Committee (HBAC), Tacloban City, Leyte, hereby invites sealed bids for MEDICAL, SURGICAL, DENTAL, RADIOLOGY, AND LABORATORY (MSDRL) SUPPLIES, DRUGS & MEDICINES, OFFICE, HOUSEKEEPING, AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES for the hospital.

Bid documents can be secured by qualified participants from the Hospital Bids and Awards Committee (HBAC) through the Secretariat upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Pesos (Php 300) for MSDRL and One Hundred and Fifty Pesos (Php 150) for non-medical goods.

Pre-Bid Conference, dropping and opening of bids will be held at the 2nd Floor Conference Room, EVRMC, Tacloban City, following this schedule.

Pre-Bid Conference	May 11, 2004, 9:00 AM
Deadline for dropping of Bidders' Eligibility requirements & Opening of bids	May 25, 2004, on or before 9:00 AM

A Bidder's Bond in the form of Cash or Manager's Check in an amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the approved budget for the contract must accompany each bid.

For particulars, please see Dr. Flora A. de la Peña, Chair or its Secretariat, HBAC, with Tel. Nos. (053) 321-3136, 321-9874 & 321-3129, EVRMC, Tacloban City or email add: evrmc@mozcom.com.

(Sgd.) **FLORA A. DELA PEÑA, MD, FPSP**
Chair, Hospital Bids and Awards Committee

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Invitation for Pre-qualification

Loan No. 1746PHI
Contract No. STP-1

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the Contract No. STP-1. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of the Asian Development Bank.
2. The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the design-build of 600 m³ Septage Treatment Plant. The works for this project shall include but is not limited to the design and supply of all labor materials and equipment for the construction of the following:
   - ☐ Septage Acceptance Unit
     - Trucks/tankers off loading
     - Screening, de-gritting and grease removal
   - ☐ Hydraulic balance (holding tanks)
   - ☐ Primary Sedimentation
   - ☐ Biological Treatment
   - ☐ Disinfection
   - ☐ Sludge Dewatering Unit
   - ☐ Solid Stabilization and disinfection
   - ☐ Stabilized solids storage/Reuse
   - ☐ Odour Control
   - ☐ Process Control and SCADA
   - ☐ Civil Works and Site Development Works
     - Administration/Laboratory/change room
     - Road, drainage and fence
     - Water and backup power supply
     - Landscape (greens) and parking space
     - Motor pool
     - Fencing
     - Ladders & walkways
3. MWSS (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") intends to pre-qualify firms for Design and Build of a 600 m³/d Septage Treatment Plant.
4. It is expected that invitation for Bids will be issued by July 2004.
5. Interested eligible Applicants should obtain further information from MWSS and inspect the Pre-qualification Document at the address given below, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

   THE CHAIRMAN (BAC)
   Bidding and Awards Committee
   Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
   Ground Floor, MWSS Deputy Administration Office
   Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
   Philippines

6. The Pre-qualification Document, in the English Language, may be purchased starting **April 16, 2004** by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Php200.00 (Two Hundred Pesos)**. The method of payment will be a cashier's check. The document can be sent by airmail or via courier at Applicant's expense.
7. Application for Eligibility in four (4) sets must be submitted to the above address not later than 5:00 p.m. of **15 June 2004**.

   The official timer for purpose of determining the official time shall be that of the bundy clock located at the office of the MWSS BAC Chairman.

   Late submission of accomplished Pre-qualifications Documents will not be accepted.
8. The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of their Applications.
9. The Employer will notify all Applicants in writing of the names of those Applicants who have been pre-qualified.

(Sgd.) **MACRA A. CRUZ**
Acting Administrator

(PDI – April 11 & 25, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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13 April 2004

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
PRINTING OF VARIOUS IEC MATERIALS
IFB NO. 2004-5-3 (6)

1. The Department of Health (DOH) through the account of the National Center for Health Promotion Funds (A III c 3) out of the allotment for MOOE (781), intends to apply the sum of *Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP2,460,000.00)* for the *Printing of Various IEC Materials* for the use of the Degenerative Disease Office (DDO), National Center for Disease Prevention and Control (NCDPC)
2. The DOH now invites sealed Bids from all interested Bidders to participate for the following Printing of Various IEC Materials. Delivery of the aforesaid goods shall be on or before 18 May 2004.

Item No.	Qty.	Unit	Description
1	6,000	Copies	Manual of Operations of the Philippine Registry for Disabled Persons, 7" x 10"
2	4,200,000	Sheets	Personal Information Sheets, 8-1/2 x 13 inches

3. Eligibility of prospective Bidders to participate will be based on compliance to eligibility requirements, using pass/fail non-discretionary criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No 9184 (RA 9184), *The Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA)*, and is open to all organizations with at least sixty (60%) percent interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. The process for eligibility check is described in Clause 12 Section II of the Instructions to Bidders. In accordance with the IRR of RA 9184, only those Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check shall be opened and the Purchase Order (PO) awarded to the Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, provided the Bidder concerned passes the post qualification process.
4. Interested Bidders who wish to inspect the Bidding Documents and obtain further information should contact the Procurement Division, 2nd Floor, Bldg. No. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Telephone No. 743-83-01 Local 1625, 1626 and 1627, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. A complete set of the aforesaid documents may be purchased by interested Bidders, from April 19 to 30, 2004 upon submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the following address

   ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
   Undersecretary of Health and Chairperson
   Central Office Bids and Awards Committee
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz
   Manila

   and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP 2,000.00). Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis
5. The DOH will hold a Pre Bid Conference open to all interested parties, on April 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) Conference Room, G/F, Bldg. 6, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
6. Bids must be delivered to the above addressed not later than 9:00 a.m., on May 3, 2004 at the COBAC Conference Room. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount at least equal to and not lower than, a percentage of the approved budget, in any of the following forms/terms

a)	Cash, Certified Check, Cashier's/ Manager's Check, or Bank Draft	– One Percent (1%)
b)	Bank Guarantee	One & A Half Percent (1-1/2%)

The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to issuance of Purchase Order (PO) without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

(Sgd) ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
Undersecretary of Health and Chairperson

(PDI – April 18 & 25, 2004)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 04-26-2004

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in the re-bidding of the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : Supply & Delivery
1.5 million decks of Playing Cards
Approved Budget : One Million Eight Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars (US$ 1,800,000.00)
(**Note**: CIF — Port of Manila
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers (foreign or local) duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Mla., Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance from April 16, 2004 to May 11, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred (Php 1,500.00). In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference : April 28, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)
Submission of Bids (Envelopes 1, 2 & 3) : May 12, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)
Opening of Bids (Envelopes 1 & 2) : May 12, 2004 (10:00 a.m. onwards)
Opening of Financial Bids (Envelope 3) : June 15, 2004 (10:00 a.m. onwards)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is prima facie evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2

(PDI – April 18 & 25, 2004)

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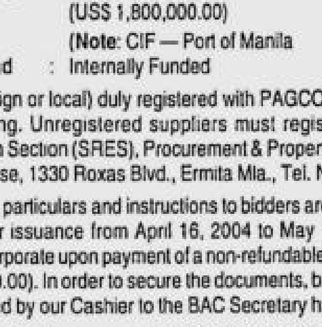

This is to inform the general public that the employment of **LEOPOLDO P. DE OCAMPO**, whose picture appears herein, has been terminated by the Skytraders Cargo Int'l., Inc. effective March 13, 2004.

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For other queries, you may visit our Office or get in touch with Ms. Aurea Sebastian or Mr. Oscar Cornejo at trunk line 893-15-01 local 382.

(Sgd.) ATTY. FERMIN T. ARZAGA
EVP/Chief Operating Officer

(PDI-April 25, 2004)

KEPCO Ilijan Corporation
Ilijan Combined Cycle Power Plant

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INVITATION TO BID

KEPCO Ilijan Corporation (KEILCO), through the KEILCO Procurement Department (KEILCO-PD), invites all interested parties to participate in the per item bidding of the following on an "as is, where is basis":

Item No	ITEM	DATE OF ACQUISITION	PLATE NO.	QTY	U/M
1	KIA Topic	December 28, 2000	WRR 545	1	UNIT
2	KIA Topic	January 8, 2001	WRW 534	1	UNIT
3	KIA Topic	January 8, 2001	WNT 781	1	UNIT

Interested parties may submit their bid no later than 3:00 p.m. on **May 11, 2004** and address the same to the attention of:

The Manager
Procurement Department
KEPCO Ilijan Corporation
18th Floor, Citibank Tower
8741, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

The Instruction to Bidders (ITB) are available for distribution starting **April 26, 2004** during business hours and may be availed of at KEILCO's Manila Office by submitting your Letter of Intent and a refundable Bid Bond in the form of Cash or Manager's Check amounting to two percent (2%) of the total bid price. The ITB may be obtained from Mr. Rod San Pedro, Procurement Supervisor at KEILCO's Manila Office, extension 161.

All the items for bid may be inspected at KEILCO's Ilijan Site Office during business hours and may be coordinated with Ms. Diosa Perez, Personnel and General Affairs Department, KEILCO Site Office, extension 100.

KEILCO's Procurement Department reserves the right to reject any or all Letters of Intent or bids without offering any reason; waive any defect or required formality therein; assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify a bidder for any expenses or losses that he/she/they may have incurred in the preparation of the Letter of Intent or bid or resulting from such preparation; and accept the bid which is deemed most responsive and advantageous to KEILCO.

For further inquiries, you may contact Mr. Rod San Pedro Jr., Supervisor of Procurement Department at 02-848-0231 local 161.

(Sgd.) DAL-HUN LEE
Manager, Procurement Department

(PDI-April 25 & May 2, 2004)

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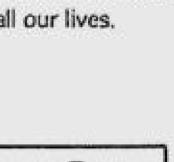

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PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

DESCRIPTION	Approved Budget	Bidding Fee
A. Dishwashing Machine	P1.5 Million	P3,000.00

Six (6) months contract for the ff:
(July 1 - December 31, 2004)

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3. Foodstuffs Supplies	500.00/co.

Source of Funding: PHC FUNDS

The list of eligibility requirements will be issued at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, Purchasing Division, Basement of MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City. Only eligible bidders shall be required to pay the non-refundable fee. The **deadline for the submission of requirements is on May 14, 2003 not later than 5:00 p.m.** For any inquiry, please call Purchasing Division at tel. No. 922-05-74 ask for Ms. Noemi Nocasa.

The PHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids or declare a failure of bidding or not award the contract, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public officers or employees of the PHC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures. The agency also reserves the right to waive any formality on the bids received, provided that such waiver does not refer to a major deviation in a bid or any requirement provided for in the **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 40** pertaining to the substance of the bid. Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility statement, or any changes in the situation of the bidder materially downgrade the substance of such statements, the PHC shall disqualify the bidder upon due notice without any obligation whatsoever for any expenses or losses that may be incurred by it in the preparation of its bids.

(Sgd.) RAUL D. JARA, M.D.
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – April 24, 25, May 1 & 2, 2004)

Palawan Tropical Forestry Protection Programme
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
5300 Philippines

The Palawan Tropical Forestry Protection Programme (PTFPP) intends to award a supply contract for:

SUPPLY FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SOFTWARES

Publication Reference: RIV #14668 / Tender #0004

In Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines with the Assistance from Project No. ALA/93/37 of the European Communities. The tender Dossier is available from PTFPP Building, Sports Complex Road, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, 5300 Philippines.

Deadline for submission of Tenders is 5:00 p.m., 25 April 2004.

PTBPP is a Programme of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff in Partnership with the European Union and the Philippine Government

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NO COMPROMISE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN MARCBILT REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MRDC), RHODORA MOJICA AND LGTM CORPORATION BECAUSE OF LGTM CORP.'S LACK OF FUNDS TO MAKE INITIAL PAYMENT TO THE DEVELOPER MRDC. CONSEQUENTLY, THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1995 BETWEEN MRDC AND RHODORA MOJICA, OWNER OF THE 50,000 SQUARE METER LAND AT THE SO CALLED ST. JULIANNE HOMES, MUNTING MAPINO, NAIC, CAVITE, REMAINS SUBSISTING. THE SUIT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTION WHICH HAD BEEN FILED BY MRDC AGAINST RHODORA MOJICA AND LGTM INVOKING SAID JOINT VENTURE CONTRACT UNDER CIVIL CASE NO. 68639 IS STILL PENDING BEFORE THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) OF PASIG CITY AS WELL AS THE COMPLAINT FOR ESTAFA AND VIOLATION OF P.D. 957 AGAINST LGTM'S PRESIDENT TEODORO N. CAMACHO IV.

ANY PERSON BUYING/DEALING WITH LGTM AND/OR MOJICA IN RELATION TO SAID PROPERTY IN DISPUTE DOES SO SUBJECT TO THE FINAL OUTCOME OF SAID CIVIL CASE NO. 68639. FURTHERMORE, LGTM HAS NO LICENSE TO SELL FROM HLURB AS WOULD AUTHORIZE IT TO SELL THE LOTS TO THE BUYING PUBLIC.

THE SAME IS TRUE WITH FORCIBLE ENTRY CASE FILED BY MRDC AGAINST MOJICA AND LGTM, THE CASE IS STILL PENDING WITH RTC OF NAIC, CAVITE.

MRDC REPEATS THAT IT HAS CUSTODY OF THE TITLES TO SAID PROPERTIES AS MRDC REMAINS THE SOLE LEGAL DEVELOPER OF THE PROPERTY.

RICARDO J.M. RIVERA LAW OFFICE
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We, the family of the late

Carlos G. Abrera

wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to the hundreds of friends, associates, and relations who came to console us and one another, and pay their respects to our dearest Caloy, who returned to his Maker last April 17, 2004.

It was impossible to know Caloy and not love him for his gentle spirit, his caring ways, his boundless optimism and his passionate belief in media advocacy as the most powerful means of creating positive social change. He was convinced that the first step towards uplifting ourselves as a nation was for families and communities to align our values alongside cultural and environmental conservation, and to express these in our daily actions.

Caloy was a patriot, a visionary, and an exceptional human being ...truly a Filipino Renaissance Man. We are all so privileged to have had him in our lives. Caloy left a precious legacy of love and devotion to his wife, Emily; his children Joanna and Paolo; their spouses Martin del Prado and Suzi Entrata; his grandchildren Carlos, Julio, Sophia, Sabine and Leona...and his wonderful team of directors and producers who loved and revered Caloy as much as his family did.

He was the inspiration behind such firsts as Lakbay TV, Isla and Juice, and the just recently-launched Living Asia Channel. We embrace Caloy's vision and advocacy with deep passion and joy. Through us, he and his work will live on.

Those who wish to know more about the programs and projects that gave meaning to Caloy's life may contact CCI Asia Group, the company he chaired, at Tel. 7573162 or *cciasia@livingasiachannel.net*. Those who wish to donate to his developmental work may do so through FOCI, The Foundation for Communication Initiatives, at Tel. 8940508 or *foci@codewan.com.ph*.

We sincerely thank this publication for the gift of this space for this message.

SECRETARY JOSE D. LINA, JR.
and the **DILG** family deeply mourn
the untimely demise of

Director Normando J. Toledo

Date of Birth: August 11, 1948
Died: April 23, 2004
Cremation: April 27, 2004 (Tuesday) 7PM,
Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue.

The DILG family extends its deepest sympathy to his wife **May** and son **Mark** and daughter-in-law **Malotte**, grandchildren **Luigi** and **Patricia**, brother, sister and in-laws.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in Me will Live,
even though he dies, and whoever
believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

Our Beloved

REYNALDO CERVAÑA HERNANDEZ

Peacefully joined our Creator on April 22, 2004 at the age of 78.

He is survived by hi wife **Avelina**; his children **Tess & Pepito**, **Bert & Cita**, **Glory & Jerry**, **Lito & Soc** and **Benjie**; grandchildren **Paul & Cleo**, **Omar & Jasmin**, **Oliver & Lilet**, **Homer**, **Joan**, **Lara**, **Christian**, **Richie & Grace**, **Cherry & Jojo**, **Sharon**, **Karen**, **Jermaine**, **Coi**, **Pepep**, **Ton-Ton**, **Shiela** and his great grandchildren **Isah**, **Aaron**, **Sarah**, **JC**, **Shaira**, **Cyril**, **Jordan**, **Grachielle**, **Mig-Mig**, **Moy-Moy & Lejan**.

His remains lie in state at the National Shrine of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dau St. Makati City.

Interment today, April 25, 2004 at the Everest Memorial Park, Susana Heights, Muntinlupa City after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

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JOSEFINA "PINING" DESIPEDA

Died peacefully in Grace of our Lord on April 21, 2004 at the age of 77.

Her husband **Lino** and children **Romy**, **Juliet**, **Raul**, **Melchor**, **Arthur** (†), **Miner**, **Thel**, **Buboy**, **Dong**, **Ching**, **Baby & Jojo** request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at 8234 Constancia St., Makati City.

Interment will be on April 27, 2004, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. at the South Cemetery, after the celebration of the Holy Mass at the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Honradez St., Makati City.

*"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason
and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."* **2 Corinthians 5:4-5**

Judge Amancio Quiñonez Saga

Has joined his wife "Lally" and peacefully rests in the infinite warmth and embrace of our Lord on April 24, 2004 at the age of 72.

His loving children **Cathy, Dong, Glenda, Malou** and **Alvin;** his relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of happiness of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the **Mount Carmel Church, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., New Manila, Quezon City.**

Interment will be on **Sunday, May 2, 2004** at **Himlayang Filipino Memorial Park** immediately following the **9:00 a.m. Mass at Mount Carmel Church, Mt. Carmel Chapel, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., New Manila, Quezon City.**

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PC (Retired)

Joined our Creator on April 22, 2004 at the age of 74.

His loving wife **Lolit**; children **Manny & Meldy, Carmen & Paul,** and **Louben**; grandchildren **Katherine, Archie, Paulo, Kristine, Karoline, Pauline Anne** and **Kevin**; brother **Polding**, relatives and friends request those whose lives he had touched to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel E, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on April 27, 2004 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Loyola.

Eternal Rest Unto Thee

GODOFREDO "FRED" C. VILLAREAL, JR.

Born on November 21, 1938

Beloved husband of Fidelia "Ely" Puno, incomparable father to Atty. Maria Trinidad Leonor "Leny", Manuel Arsenio Ramon Claro "Marc", Maria Aurora "Aura", & Maria Victoria Antoinette "Maan", passed away on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the family home.

Fred's earthly remains lie in state at Chapel D, Loyola Memorial Chapel, Guadalupe, Makati City, Metro Manila.

Cremation will take place on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the Loyola Crematory Services, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Please pray for the eternal repose of Fred's soul.

For the needs of your departed Loved Ones, the following establishments can help you.

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Augusto A. Gonzales

Peacefully joined his Creator in New York City, USA on April 18, 2004 at the age of 70.

His loving wife **ESTRELLA**; children & their spouses **DOLLY** Domino, **MA. LOURDES** Reyes, **MA. LINDA** & **Cesar** Lajara, **JOJIE** & **Raffy** Manalaysay, **BONG** & **Lisa** Gonzales; grandchildren & great grandchildren request relatives, friends, and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will be brought home to Manila and will lie in state at the **LA FUNERARIA PAZ-Sucat** (inside Manila Memorial Park), Parañaque City from April 28, 2004.

He will be laid to rest on April 30, 2004 at the Manila Memorial Park-Dasmariñas, Cavite after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

Message of Thanks

TERESA LACSON JALANDONI

*Peacefully joined our Lord Jesus and her husband **Hector** on April 09, 2004 and was laid to rest Easter Sunday*

We, her children **ARTHUR & MARITER, TOTO & TESSIE**; grandchildren **JASON & SON, LIZ, ANDREI, JUNIE & VICKY, ALEX & ADINA, JC & MELISSA**; great-grandchildren **RYAN, KARINA, ENZO, JOHN, MARGARITA, ANGELA, MATTHEW** and **JAVIER** would like to express our deepest appreciation for your love and support in our hour of bereavement.

Our thanks to all those who offered Masses, novenas and prayers; sent messages of sympathy; kept vigil and attended funeral rites; and who in countless ways condoled with, helped and comforted us.

PEDRO R. FLORCRUZ

BSME Class '38, U.P.; USMA '42 star man, No. 17 of 347.

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Affectionately remembered by wife **Juanita Begley**; children **Paul** and **Atty. Adrienne White**; **Rita** and **Atty. Tony Trenga**; **David** and **Kathy Dennison**; **Celia**, USMA '82 & Col. **Kenny Dahl**, USMA '82; brother **Cenon & Lourdes Adriano;**

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APOLONIO JUGUETA BABILONIA

Peacefully joined his Creator on April 23, 2004 at the age of 97.

His bereaved children and children-in-law, **Amado** and **Lita** (†); **Estela** and **Victorio**; **Gil** and **Lydia**; **Filipina** (†) and **Juan** (†); **Carmelita** and **Romeo**; **Edna** and **Mienrado**; **Noe** and **Rosario**; and **Bienvenido** and **Marian**, grandchildren, relatives and friends request the readers to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City, until Monday, April 26, 2004. His body will be brought to Mauban, Quezon Province on April 27, 2004 and buried at the Mauban Catholic Cemetery on April 29, 2004.

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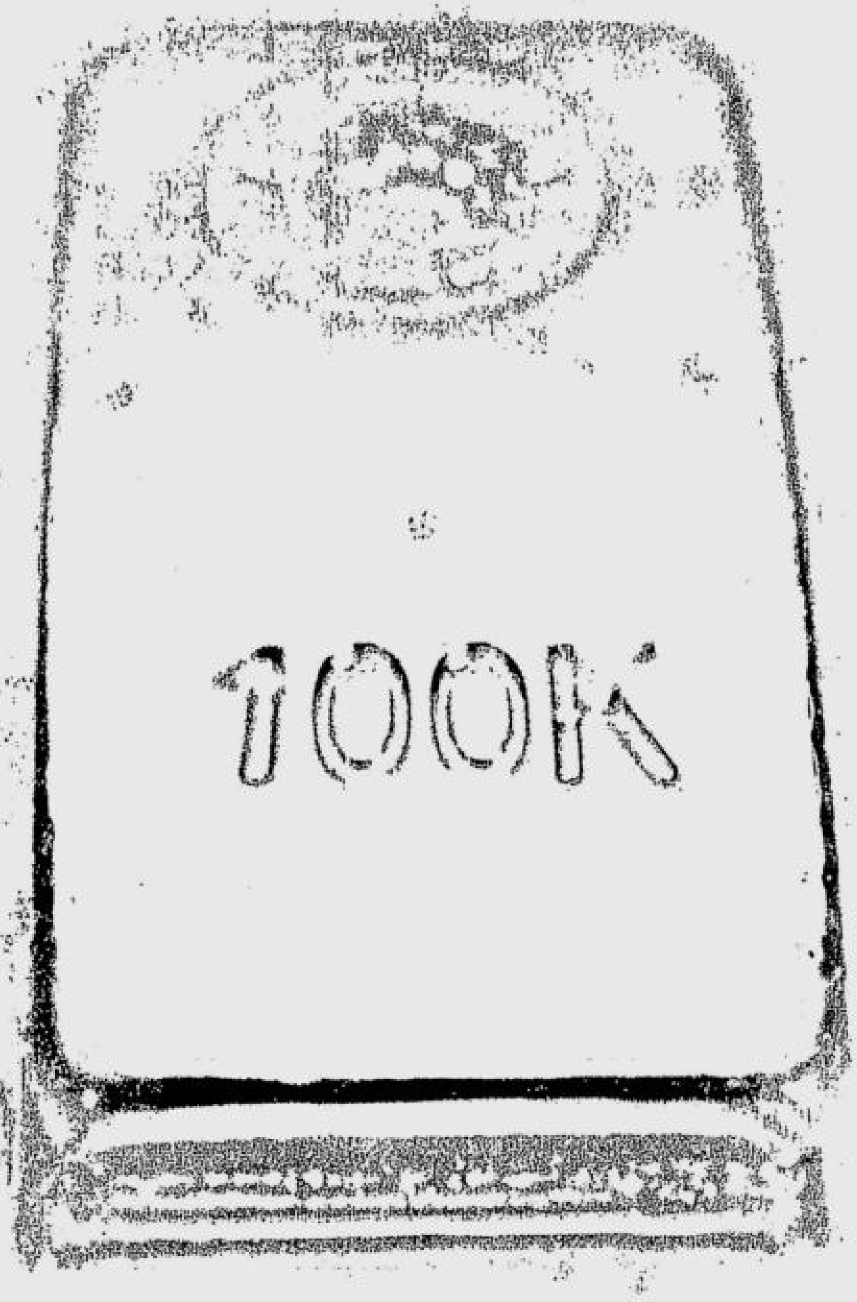
Psalm 28:7



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Manilow, Tarantino praise Fil-Am 'Idol' bet

By Janet Susan R. Nepales
LA Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Singer-songwriter Barry Manilow gave Fil-Am "American Idol" contestant Jasmine Trias à direct compliment when he worked with the finalists all week to prepare for the Manilow-themed leg of the contest.

"Jasmine had a good time with Manilow, and was one of two who received a direct compliment from him," INQUIRER Entertainment gathered from a source.

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Since the finalists will be singing Barry Manilow songs this week, Manilow has reportedly been with them all week.

According to our source, "the vocal coaches are not allowed to help the contestants choose their songs but Manilow took things into his own hands and has worked a bit more with each one to 'give them a chance' with his songs this week."

Pinoy support

Director-screenwriter Quentin Tarantino on the Thursday show said of Jasmine's performance: "You're a delicate powerhouse. It really doesn't matter what I say about you tonight because I am a huge fan of yours."

Off-stage, Jasmine also received praise from Jason Priestly, star of "Beverly Hills, 90210," who was a guest on "AI" also last Thursday."

But its partly because of Pinoy support that Jasmine has remained in the competition.

Fans and supporters of Jasmine have been aggressively calling and texting their votes to help keep Jasmine in "AI." They don't want to see her again in the bottom three after that tearful night when Camile Velasco, 18, was dismissed from the show.

They posted messages on Internet boards to rally Filipino-Americans to unite and support the remaining Fil-Am talent in the contest. Hawaiian voters who were previously split between Trias and Velasco are now presumed to be going solid for Trias.

Fans called to remind each other to vote for Jasmine. People told INQUIRER Entertainment that they voted continuously until the voting period ended. One supporter voted 150 times while another bragged that she voted 220 times.

"Jasmine is thankful to all her supporters," Rudy Trias Jr., Jasmine's father, told INQUIRER in a phone interview.

"Jasmine has adjusted well to all the pressures coming her way," Trias reported. "She's doing fine. Her mother (Nora) and I are proud of her. We just keep advising her to just do her own thing."

John Peter Lewis, popularly known as "JPL," was booted out during the movie-themed week. He sang Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock." The other contestants who joined JPL in the bottom three this week were Diana DeGarmo, who sang "My Heart Will Go On" from "Titanic" and John Stevens, who crooned "As Time Goes By" from "Casablanca."

Risky

Jasmine, 17, dressed in a pink blouse and jeans, sang "When I Fall in Love," as interpreted on the "Sleepless in Seattle" soundtrack. She said her favorite movie is "Lilo & Stitch" and that the song she chose for the night will show "my range."

Tarantino was a guest judge that night. Dressed in a colorful shirt, the award-winning filmmaker gave his comments in a spirited and lively fashion. Host Ryan Seacrest commented that acerbic judge Simon Cowell "hated to share the limelight with Quentin because he was more sarcastic than Simon."

Judge Paula Abdul told Jasmine that night: "You did a good job to hit that note but it was very risky."

Randy Jackson noted, "You seem to be running out of gas" while Cowell pointed out, "You and Diana (DeGarmo) are children trying to be adults. Be realistic. So, you sang the song. So what?"

Day-off

Molly of TheTrades.com gave her cyberspace verdict: "Jasmine had two big strikes against her: an awful musical arrangement, and having to follow Fantasia's (Barrino sang a showstopper, "Summertime") powerhouse performance. That said, she was still over-singing the song, and didn't seem to connect with the material at all."

Music critic Ellie Blalock of Silver Chips Online commented, "Jasmine performed flawlessly, but did not add anything special to set herself apart. Jasmine is an excellent performer but needs to bring out her individuality to be successful at this point in the competition."

A close family friend of the Trias family, who prefers to remain anonymous, revealed to INQUIRER that the "AI" finalists had their first day-off last Easter. "They have been on a seven-day week schedule that starts from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. or 11 p.m. each day. So they are really only at the mansion to sleep," he disclosed. The Trias family was spotted dining at the Max's Restaurant, the Glendale branch of the popular Manila restaurant chain, last Easter Sunday.

Jasmine, Camile and the rest of the top 10 finalists are already assured berths in the next "AI" concert tour which is scheduled in 40 US cities.

Thirty million viewers watched the Wednesday competition show.

TRIAS enjoys Fil-Am support that keeps her in competition.

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Its good to be back, says John Estrada on his return to ABS-CBN

By Marinel R. Cruz

ACTOR and TV host John Estrada admits that it feels good to be back in ABS-CBN.

He claims he has no bitterness in his heart when he was axed from the noontime show "Masayang Tanghali Bayan" after it was reformatted in February.

"I did not just accept change, I embraced it," said John.

The show's reformat was ABS-CBN's move to topple GMA 7's "Eat Bulaga" from top place during the noontime slot.

John shared hosting chores with Randy Santiago and Willie Revillame.

Welcome break

The new show, titled "MTB Ang Saya Saya," is now hosted, among others, by comedians Ai-Ai de las Alas and Arnell Ignacio.

John said ABS-CBN management had broken the news about the reformat of "MTB" to him at the time when his soap series, "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay," had just ended its final season.

"I welcomed it. I was happy to take a break from the daily grind involved in 'MTB.' *Napagod din ako sa soap ko,*" he told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday.

JOHN: Not bitter

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

In "Kay Tagal," John portrayed the role of Boris, opposite lead actress Lorna Tolentino.

"It was probably my attitude toward what happened that made ABS-CBN take me back," he concludes.

John said he will sign a contract with the network for one year. The contract stipulates a regular appearance in the sitcom "Tanging Ina, the TV Series," as well as in a new soap series.

"They are working on the draft right now. I'll be signing with the network really soon," he stressed.

Offers

There were offers from GMA 7, John said. He even appeared on several GMA 7 shows, like "S Files" and "Lagot Ka, Isusumbong Kita."

"But I still signed up with ABS because I already am used to working here," he explained.

He said he had appeared on "Lagot Ka" for two episodes because the show's cast members, Richard Gomez and Joey Marquez, were his friends.

"*Kasama ko na sila* for many years. I spend time with them on and off the camera," John said.

"I chose ABS-CBN because I wanted to grow, to diversify. *Iba yung may sarili kang paglalagyan,*" he added.

In "Tanging Ina," John plays Geronimo, the long-lost cousin from Basilan of Rowena (Eugene Domingo), who is Ina's (Ai-Ai de las Alas) best friend.

John will be seen on "Tanging Ina, the TV Series" starting Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

"I'm excited to be,working with Ai-Ai, *Kuya* Dick (Roderick Paulate), and director Joyce Bernal again," said John. "It feels good to be back."

Lotlot: Ralph Recto not supporting brod running for congressional seat

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LIPA CITY—Sen. Ralph Recto, husband of Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos, called a town mayor and ordered him not to allow his brother Ramon, who is running for congressman in the fourth district of Batangas, to go up stage and deliver his speech.

This was what Lotlot de Leon, Ramon's "special friend," learned on Thursday night while she was here at the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP) proclamation rally in front of Levitown, in Barangay Marauoy.

The daughter of superstar Nora Aunor shook hands with Lipeños and campaigned for Ramon. But she was shocked to learn that Sen. Ralph Recto and his brother Ricky are not supporting their half-brother, Ramon.

"Its shocking to know that his brothers are not supporting him," said Lotlot. "We even heard that Ralph even called a town mayor and ordered him not to let Ramon go upstage and talk to the people.

"But if I have a chance to talk to them I would ask them to please give Ramon a chance. He's a good man."

"I have siblings too, and even if we are not related by blood, we love each other more than real brothers and sisters," she added.

Just friends

It's not easy for Lotlot to be in Vilma Santos' territory and supporting the mayor's brother-in-law. Her mother Nora Aunor is also Vilma's longtime rival in the movies.

"I always have to explain to the people that my mother doesn't mind that I'm helping Ramon and I always have to explain more and convince the people that Ramon and I are just friends," Lotlot said.

Nora is supporting President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Lotlot said that Batangueños have been asking if she and Ramon were romantically involved. She claimed they were just friends.

"The romantic story started last week when we were in Padre Garcia, one of the seven towns of the fourth district of Batangas. I joked about looking for Monching and finding Ramon here. That was just a joke. But the people took it seriously. Now I have two things to tell the people: first to support Ramon and second, that we are just friends," Lotlot said.

She revealed that she had only known Ramon for two months.

"We met two months ago through a common friend. Which means that he's already my friend even before the campaigns began," Lotlot said.

Anything possible

The Rectos are known for their romantic involvement with show biz personalities. Sen. Ralph Recto married Vilma Santos while his brother Ricky was reportedly involved with comedienne Jinky Oda before he married his late wife Marrisette Galang-Recto.

Lotlot just smiled when she was pressed to comment on the possibility of being romantically involved with Ramon.

"Anything's possible. But for now, we want to explore all the possibilities of Ramon winning in the election as congressman for the fourth district of Batangas," Lotlot said, "After the elections, then we'll see what happens next."

Heart, Hazel in 'ASAP'

STARTING today in "ASAP Mania," ABS-CBN Talent Center artists will be featured in production numbers that will see them doing something different. Heart Evangelista will perform Mandy Moore's "Drop The Pilot" while dancing with the Hotlegs. Jill Yulo, Pauleen Luna, Aiza Marquez and Hazel Ann Mendoza will groove to "Hey Momma" with the Anime. Choreographing the dance are the Streetboys.

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PREPAID and post-paid subscribers to Globe, Touch Mobile, Smart or Talk 'N Text can win prizes while watching "Starstruck Kids," "Twin Hearts," "Hanggang Kailan" and "Te Amo" and texting correct answers to questions in "Telebabad Txt Press Panalo." Four questions will be asked every night. The winners will be announced immediately after "Te Amo." Promo runs until April 30, 2004.

'Groovy Grandma Fiona'

DESIREE del Valle, Brian Tan and Jill Yulo are "Wansapanataym's" featured artists in today's episode entitled "Groovy Grandma Fiona." The story tackles respect for others, especially elders. Also featured in this episode are Anita Linda and Liza Lorena.

'Milan' now on video

STAR Cinema's "Milan" is now released on DVD, VHS and VCD. The movie, which was mostly filmed in Italy, stars Piolo Pascual and Claudine Barretto. The VCD and DVD versions of the movie contain a unique and special packaging with bonus features and scenes from the movie itself. The video release is in cooperation with Philippine Daily Inquirer, Robinson's Movie World and Secosana.

100% Party at Brick Road

AMATEUR acoustic groups will compete in the grand finals of the Acoustic Jam Competition at The Brick Road at the East Wing Open Carpark of the Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall on Tuesday. The competition is part of a celebration dubbed as 100% Party that will mark The Brick Road's third anniversary. The competition will be broadcast live at The Brick Road grounds by 97.1 WLS FM from 8 to 11 p.m., followed by a fashion show featuring Sexy Body and Generation East models and a grand concert featuring Francis 'Wings' Soriano, The Session Band and MYMP.

CELEBRITY POLITICAL SPOUSES
ON "I-Witness" tomorrow, Winnie Monsod gets personal with celebrity couples Dodot and Mikee Jaworski, and Ralph and Vilma Santos Recto, to see the unique role that romance plays in their families' struggle for dominance. "I-Witness" also finds out why these "fairy tale" unions do not usually signify happy endings for our country. Currently, there are 135 politically active clans in the Philippines. Find out what it takes for these families to continue their rule in the "I-Witness" report, "Pag-ibig at Pulitika" after "Saksi."

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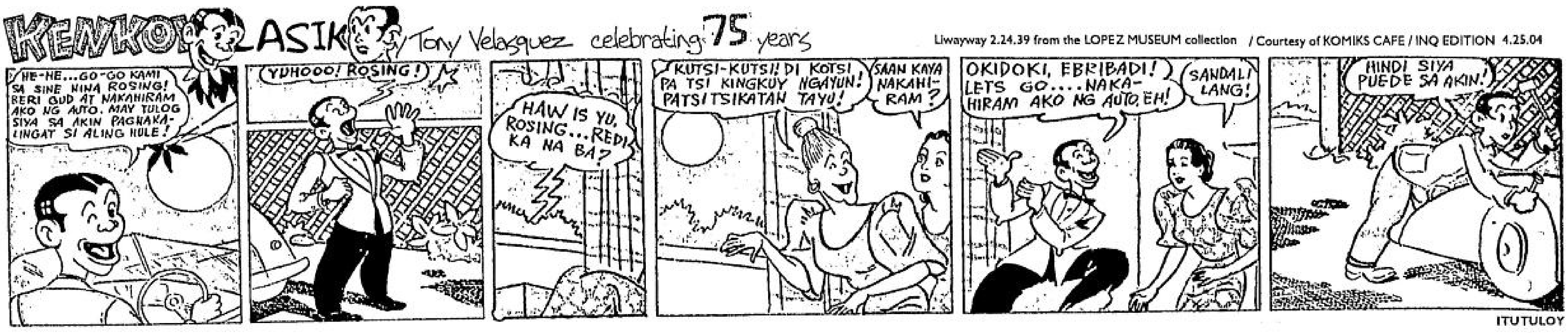
NEW PINOY SATELLITE TV NETWORK IN JAPAN
GLOBAL Publishing and Entertainment Corporation, publisher of S Magazine, will break new grounds as it diversified in the field of satellite TV network, tagged as GPEC Network. The company recently signed a contract with Viva Entertainment Inc. to air in Japan by September Pinoy Box Office and OPM TV. At the contract signing are Viva chair and CEO Vic del Rosario; Koji Miyashita, president and CEO of IPS Inc.; Viva executive vice president Vincent del Rosario; GPEC Network managing director Aster Amoyo; PIMSI managers Lyra Evangelista; Ed Opulencia and Rico Saldivar.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Bro. Eddie: Is good good enough?

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

I HAVE no doubt that the stars endorsing **Eddie Villanueva** for president come from the purest of places.

Kuh Ledesma has never struck me as the frivolous type, going by the excellence of her craft, and even an estranged relationship with her husband does not, I dare say, point to a personal recklessness.

Chat Silayan has long been a sensible and refined member of the entertainment world, giving no one shame or grief, happily assigning, thereby, virtue to the lot of entertainers.

And **Coney Reyes** has always had the kind of empathy and exuberance that, to me, are the sure mark of a giver. Such that, even if she seems to cry and rage all the time now on the hustings, she, I will always wager, does so from a sense of heartfelt outrage.

Now Kuh, Chat and Coney are backing Bro. Eddie—resolutely, passionately, heroically. This being the case, I must hand Bro. Eddie plus points.

Certainties, Certainties

But I don't know if, in the end, the plus points will outweigh my personal misgivings—not even toward Bro. Eddie, but to the absolute certainties he represents.

Certainties are scary things, I always say.

It scares me when every argument, issue, thesis, or proposition is begun and ended with "Jesus and God."

It just kills all discussion. Slams a period on thought. Crushes exchange. And steers everyone to a dead end. Might as well not have begun a conversation.

It can't be that every time a discussion turns fascinatingly complex, just when you think it'll spiral to the next level, right where you can get a clearer understanding of each other's impassioned views, it all gets yanked back by— "Jesus and God."

When I ask: Why should we vote for Bro. Eddie?

And the answer from Coney is: "Because he is a man of God, a man you can respect, a man who has a fear of the Lord, and the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I get a little scared.

Again, when I ask: How will this man of God conquer the government bureaucracy, with its entire code on audit and procurement and salaries, the lot of which hobbles our state universities, for instance?

And the answer from Kuh is: "If you don't believe in the power of God, in the impossibility that God can do, *talagang yan ang sasabihin mo*... But when you believe in the promises of God and the Bible, *basta sundin mo lang ito. Ang* will *ng Panginoon kasi* is to have a righteous leader... That's why it is a sin to elect or to vote someone who is not righteous, *'yong hindi nilagay ni* Lord, *kasi* it will deteriorate the country again."

I get scared again.

MTRCB under Bro. Eddie

I remember **Nic Tiongson**—a Ph.D. in Philippine Studies, a cultural activist forced underground by Marcos' martial law—being hounded from the censors' chair by Bro. Eddie in 2001.

Backed by the Jesus Is Lord Movement and God's People's Coalition for Righteousness, Bro. Eddie had demanded that "Live Show"—**Jose Javier Reyes'** gritty film on society's *toreros*—be yanked from theaters.

It was GMA herself, Nic says, who told him that Bro. Eddie had dropped in at the Palace twice already, pressuring her on the issue.

The issue being Nic's upholding the right of the film, already granted a permit and already slapped with a tough "R" rating, to continue showing.

GMA, with an eye cast lovingly toward Bro. Eddie's millions of followers, then banned the film, not having seen it at all. (Nic is certain she received the tape *after* she had ordered the film withdrawn.)

In protest, Nic resigned, making him the shortest-serving MTRCB chair in local history: five weeks on the job!

It's enough to make you cry over the future of free expression under a Bro. Eddie presidency.

To be perfectly fair, Kuh says the man has great plans for the arts: "*Ang* dream *niya* for the Philippines is to make it the West End of Asia. Because right now Singapore is taking advantage of doing that and getting our artists! *Alam ni* Bro. Eddie *ang kakayahan ng mga artista dito. Sabi niya*, 'That will bring in the tourists.' *Sabi niya, 'Magbibigay muna tayo ng* tickets, *parang* investment *natin, para lang pumunta sila sa bayan natin*."

That's fine.

Still, I need to know: What productions will he back? Will it be "Sound of Music" all the way?

BROTHER Eddie as man of the people?

In a country where the president's huge powers are the best argument for a parliamentary system, he could kill, with just a frown, any production that dares flout convention, especially the convention of religion.

His religious certainties, I'm afraid, make that an absolute certainty.

A good man

I can't even say that Bro. Eddie has political discernment.

Before he decided to run, he asked GMA "three times" if she was running, Coney remembers vaguely, and only after GMA said no "three times" did he do so.

Her point being: He never wanted to run, but he did so because GMA kept saying she would not, and he felt that God, through the Book of Isaiah, was saying someone must, and so he responded with "Okay, Lord, here I am."

My point being: Why would a righteous man defer at all to GMA, a President sinning again and again against her people?

Where be the righteousness there?

Still and all, I am perfectly willing to believe that Bro. Eddie—like Coney, Chat and Kuh—comes from a place that is pure. That he proceeds with the zeal of a believer—not just in his God, but in his country and in his people.

Why?

Because, as far as I can tell, he is not a man to dance before power or money or fame—the mark of a pure man.

As far as I can tell, he truly believes he is running to seek another way to honor his God—the mark of a true servant.

But in the end, I am not sure that this servant will lead his people to that place where abounds, not just food and piety, but freedom and passion.

I do not know that this most prayerful of presidential bets will understand his people's utter need to feed, not just the soul, but the imagination.

But as sure as I am about these fears, I will not invoke God to make them stick. The Inquisition has long taught me what folly that be.

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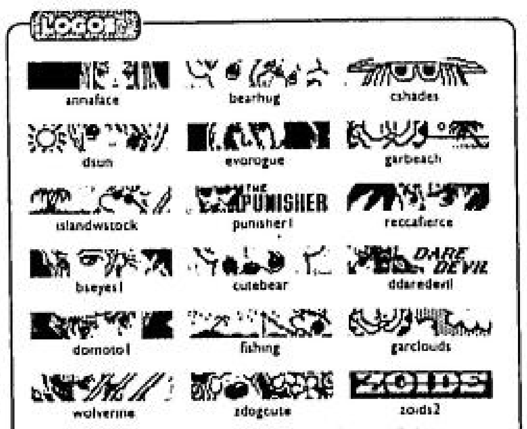

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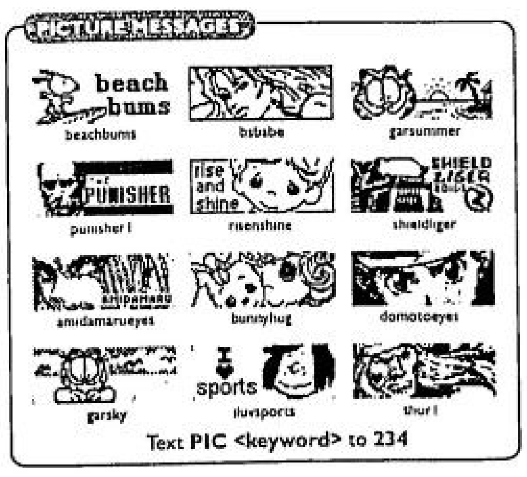

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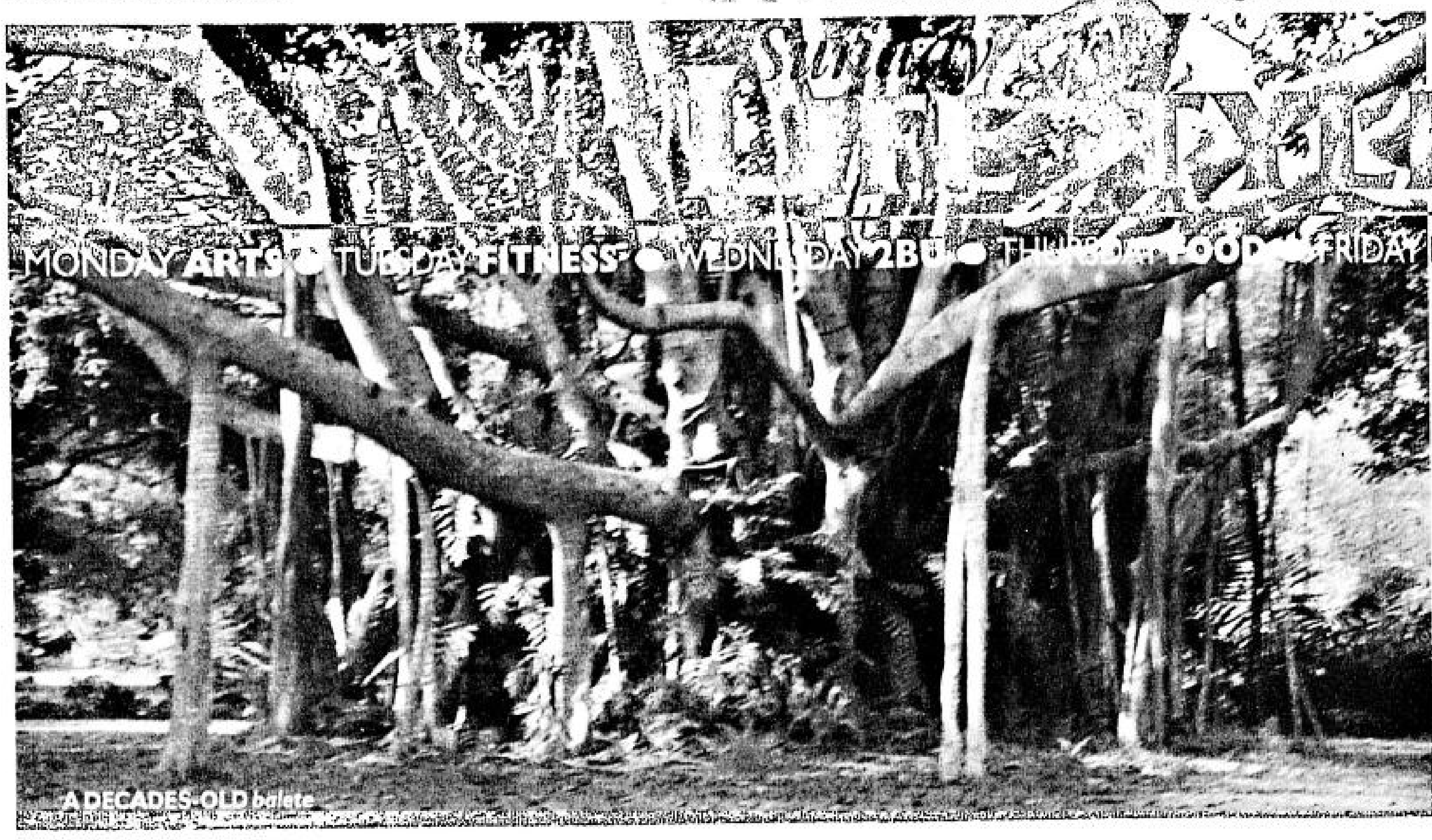
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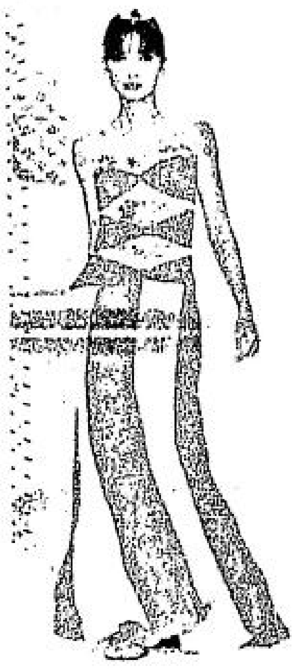

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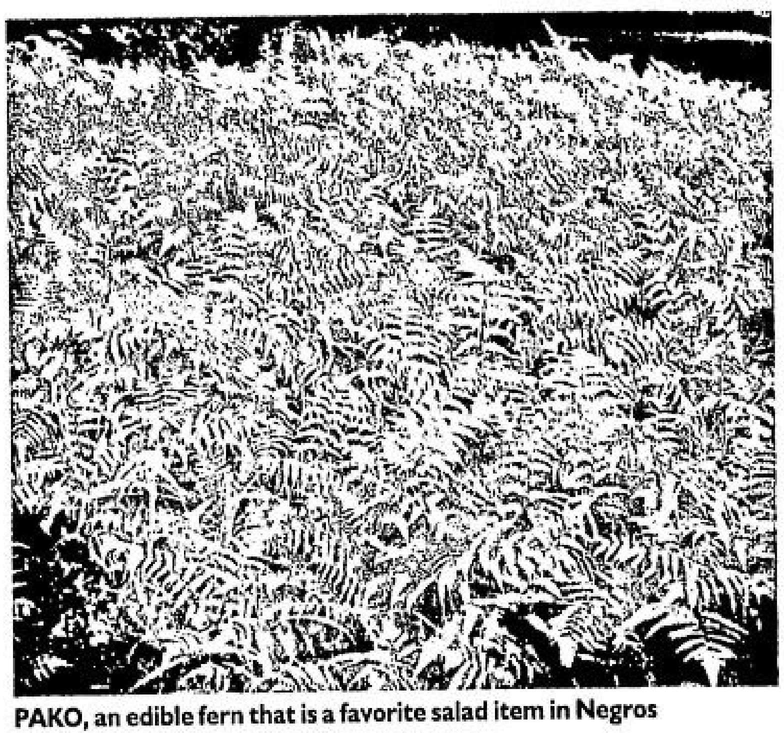


PAKO, an edible fern that is a favorite salad item in Negros Occidental, occupies a sizeable space.

FLOWERING basil

SAWLEAF coriander is used in Vietnamese and Thai cooking.

Her own secret garden

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

IF Gretchen Oppen Cojuangco chose to make her garden no more than a pretty accessory to the family home, nobody would have begrudged her that decision. On her own and as wife to Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, she does not need for her garden to be anything more than pleasing to the eye, able as she is to buy whatever else a stretch of land can offer.

But the sprawling grounds of Hacienda Balbina in Pontevedra, Negros Occidental are far from being a mere, if attractive, show window. It is undoubtedly a decorative piece with its mix of trees and ornamentals, antique garden furniture and unusual accents.

But it is also a backyard vegetable garden, a commercial concern, demonstration farm, showcase of the Cojuangcos' agricultural interests with some poultry and livestock thrown in.

The multi-function, multi-use "garden," for lack of a more descriptive word, occupies most of the eight-hectare property that used to be planted to sugar cane and which the Cojuangcos bought more than a quarter of a century ago. The family decided to keep the old name given by its former owners, according to Alfonso "Ponchit" Ponce Enrile, who now acts as manager of the complex.

Work interrupted

Ponce Enrile says, initially, Gretchen was helped in the landscaping of the property by the late Ronnie Laing. Work was suspended when the whole family left the country after EDSA I. Upon their return, the development of the property resumed and Gretchen consulted some experts, including landscaper Shirley Sanders, on how to turn her vision into a reality.

Inside the compound, Ms Cojuangco has an organic vegetable garden that supplies part, if not most, of the family's needs. There are, among others, herbs, salad greens (including a sizeable portion devoted to the edible fern *pako*), *kalamansi*, tomatoes and even *batuan* trees, probably the Visayans' equivalent of the *sampalok* that is the favored *pangpaasim* by those in Luzon.

Trade in ornamental plants is picking up while orchids are propagated elsewhere in the property. The hacienda has a collection of 30 palm varieties.

Although a few plots are planted to mokhara, the hacienda is probably the single biggest producer of cattleyas, with its own hybrids named after family members. Not surprisingly one of those varieties is named Gretchen.

Boss' favorite

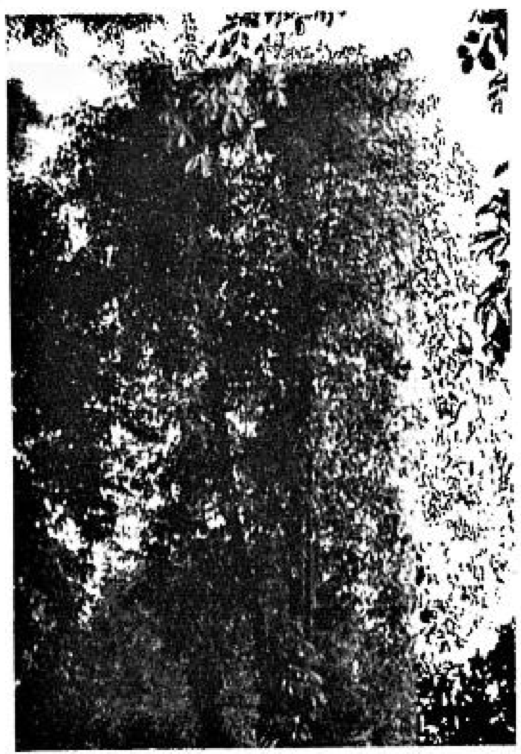
Why devote so much space to a high-end bloom instead of just concentrating on the more reasonably priced mokharas and other orchids? Cattleya happens to be Boss Danding's favorite, Ponce Enrile says.

Although not big enough to accommodate other Cojuangco agricultural concerns, almost all of them are represented in the compound. These interests include Healthy Veggies, Reliance Core, Inc., DC Orchids, All About Plants, and ECJ Farms that produce organic vegetables, ornamentals, fruits, etc.

At least seven of 30 mango varieties the family grows commercially elsewhere are found inside the hacienda, for instance. The Cojuangcos also produce commercially mangosteen, durian, pili and banana, among others.

Inside the complex are facilities for orchid propagation as well as for fruit preservation. Gretchen also raises Chinese black chickens and a few pigs for fattening.

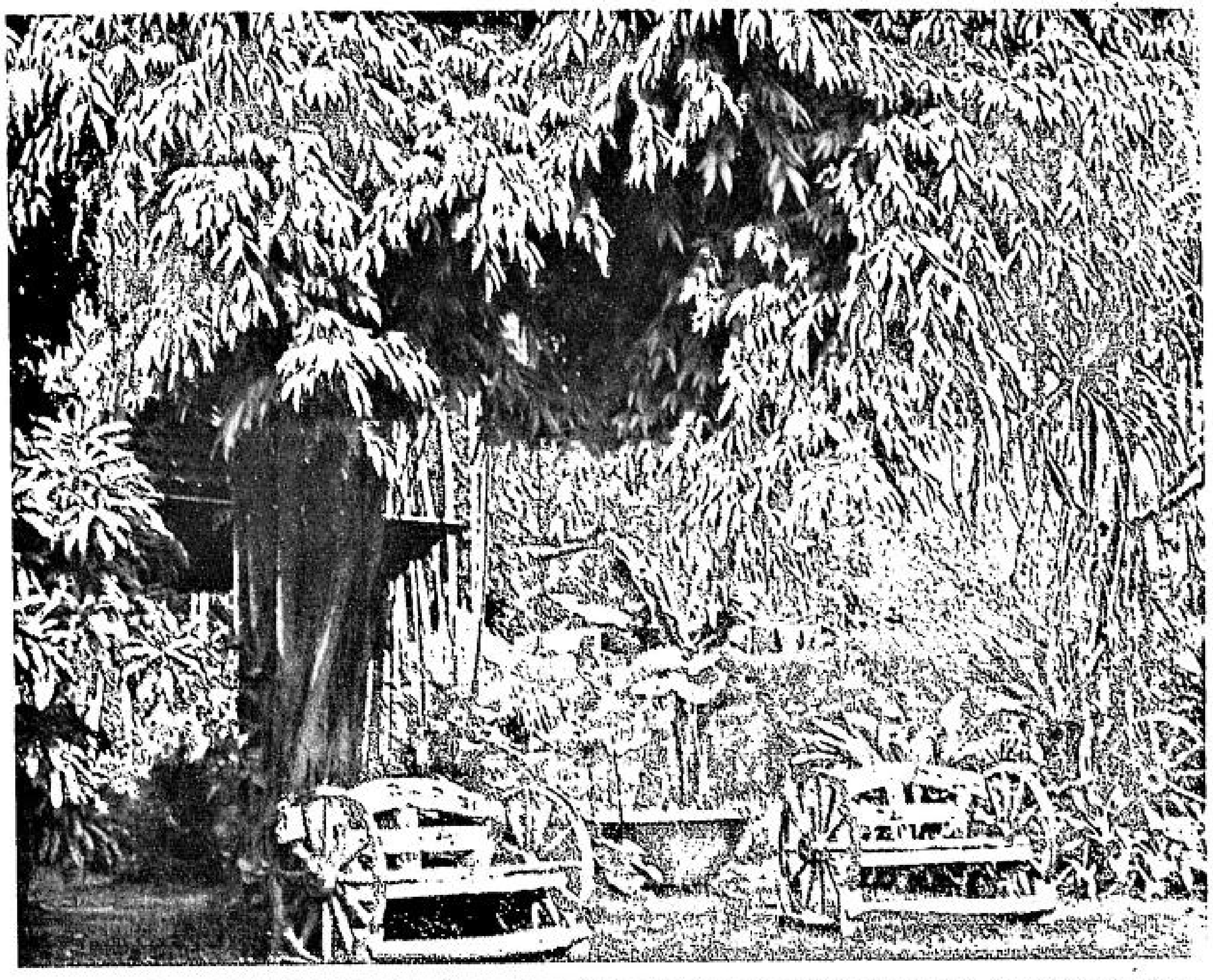
All these activities, of course, mean so much waste produced. But, at Hacienda Balbina, even trash has its uses. Waste is segregated, reused, recycled or turned into compost and returned to the land as fertilizer.



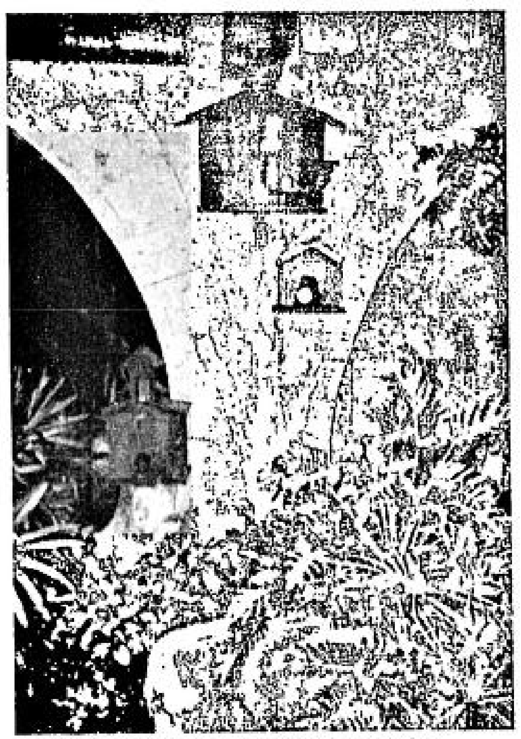
THE *BATUAN*, whose fruits are used in much the same way the *sampalok* is used in Luzon, looks majestic with its flowing branches.

A SPRIG of purple-white blooms of the Congea tomentosa

THE BEAUTIFUL Beaumontia grandiflora, with fragrant flowers, is a vine of Indian origin. This plant came from the collection of the late Dr. Vicente L. Santos.



FICUS Mclelandii, a member of the *balete* family, provides the canopy for variegated *pandan*, lotus and croton or San Francisco, among others.



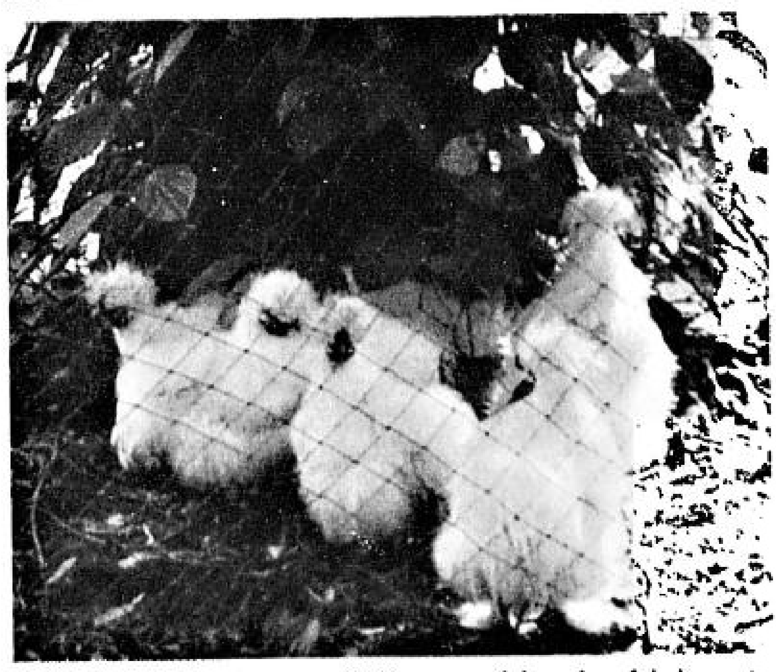
BIRD cages are some of the interesting accents in the decorative part of the sprawling garden.

HYBRID produced in the orchid nursery is the namesake of the lady of the manor, Laeliacattleya Gretchen Cojuangco.

THE LILY pond has water lilies, of course, and pink lotus.

FULLY covered in ivy, the chapel looks like a large topiary.

PIGS, among the livestock in the multi-function, multi-use garden



CHINESE black chicken, so-called because of the color of their meat

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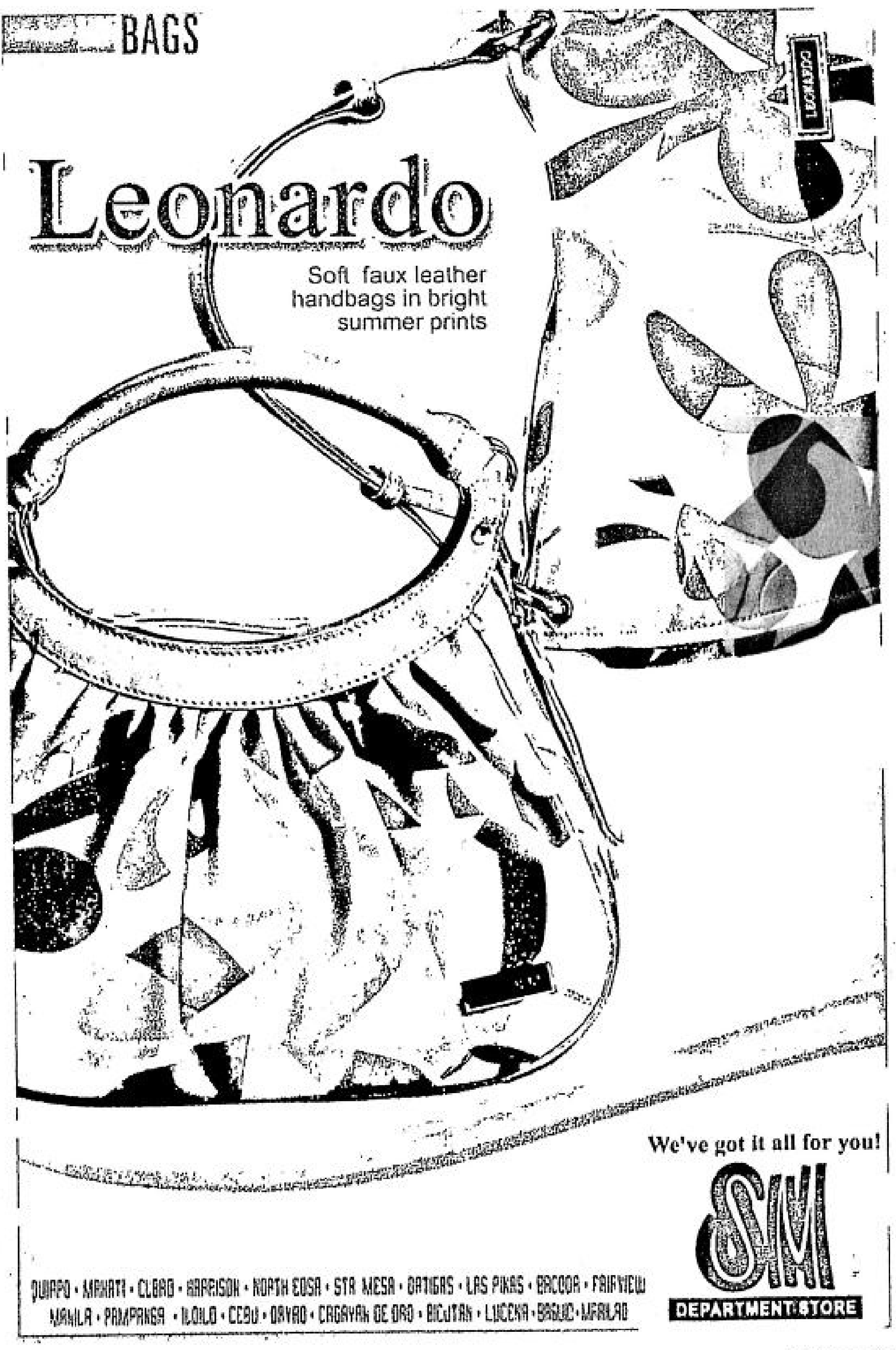

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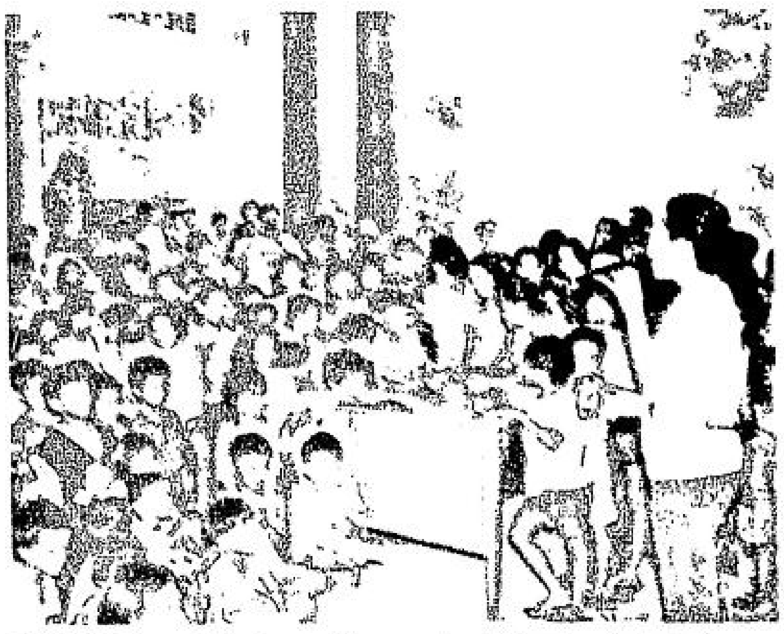
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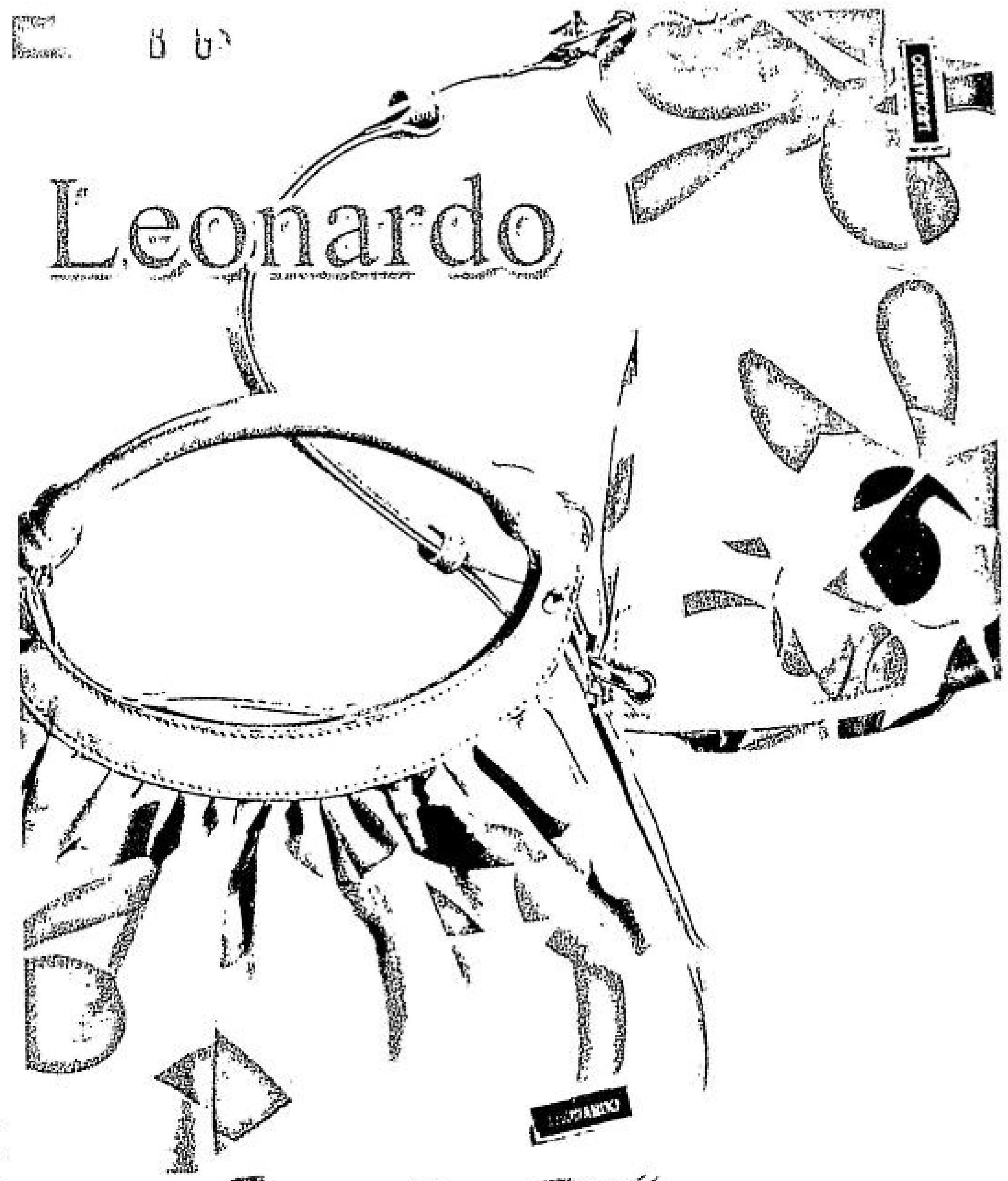

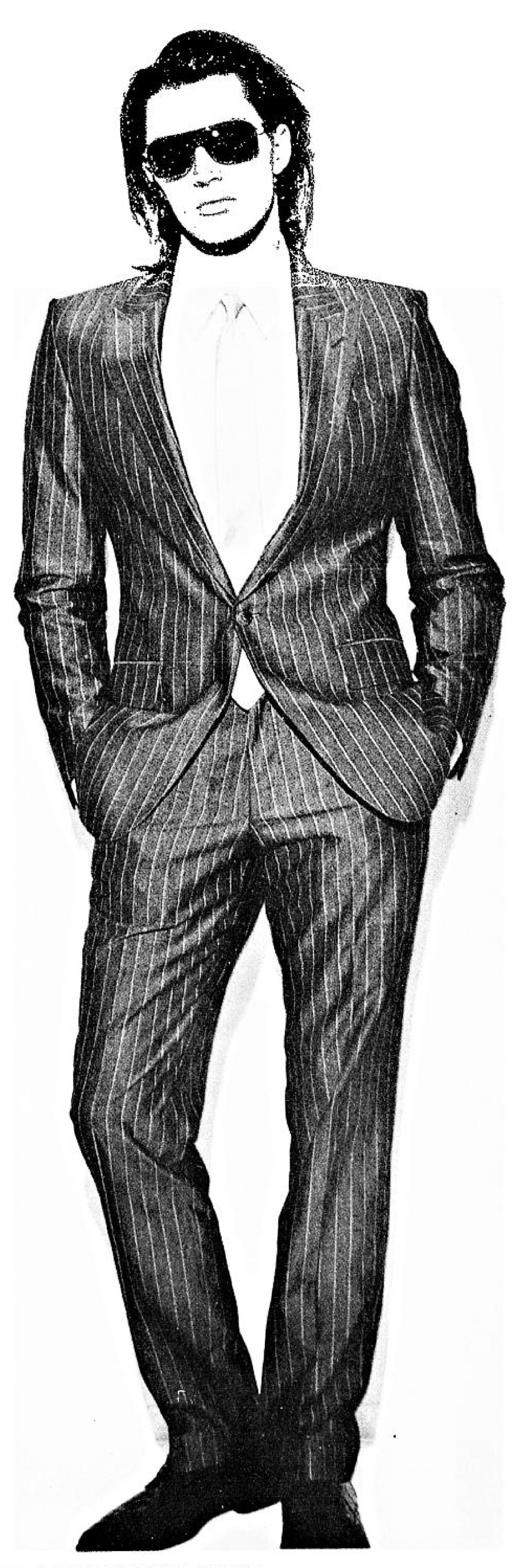

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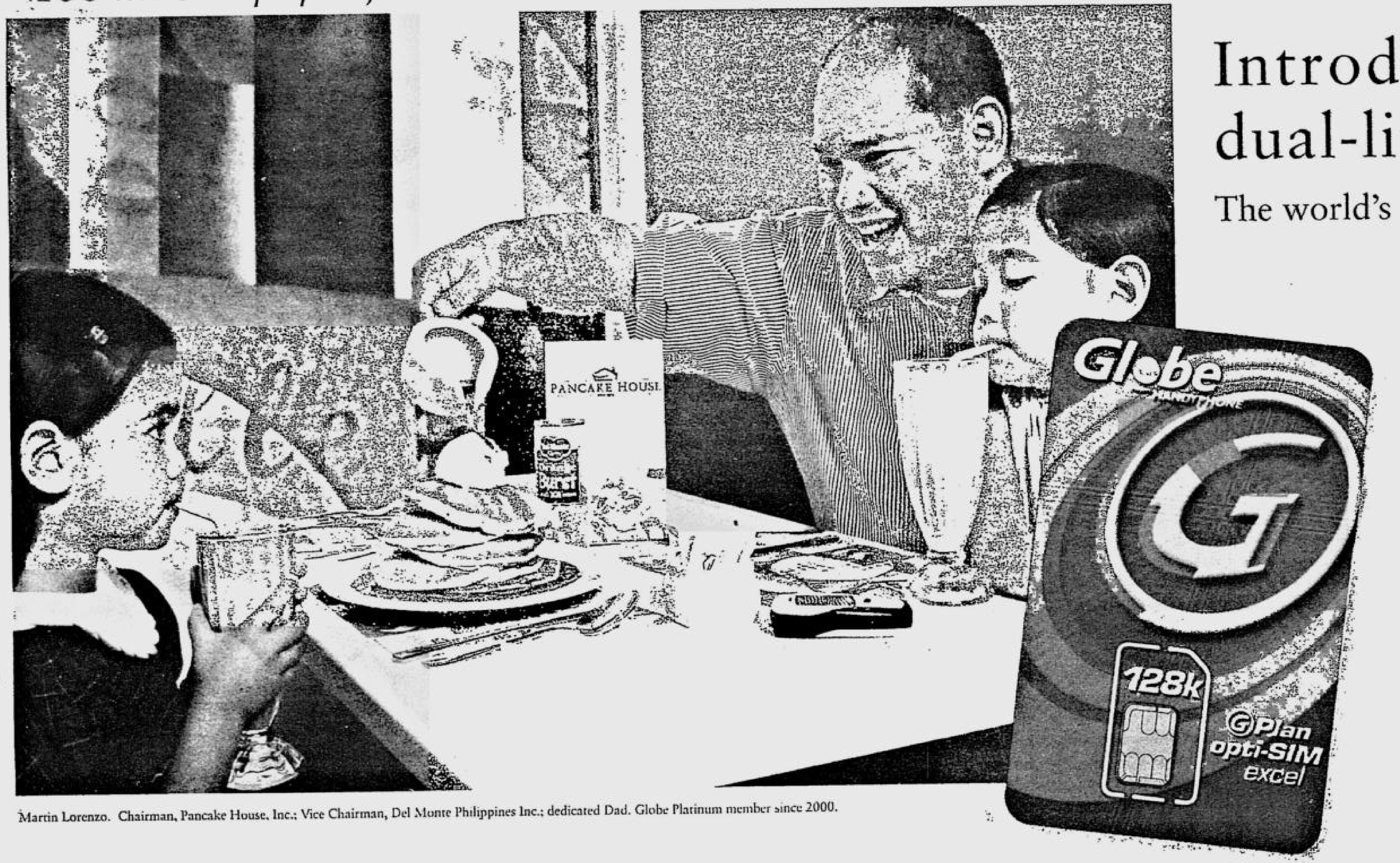

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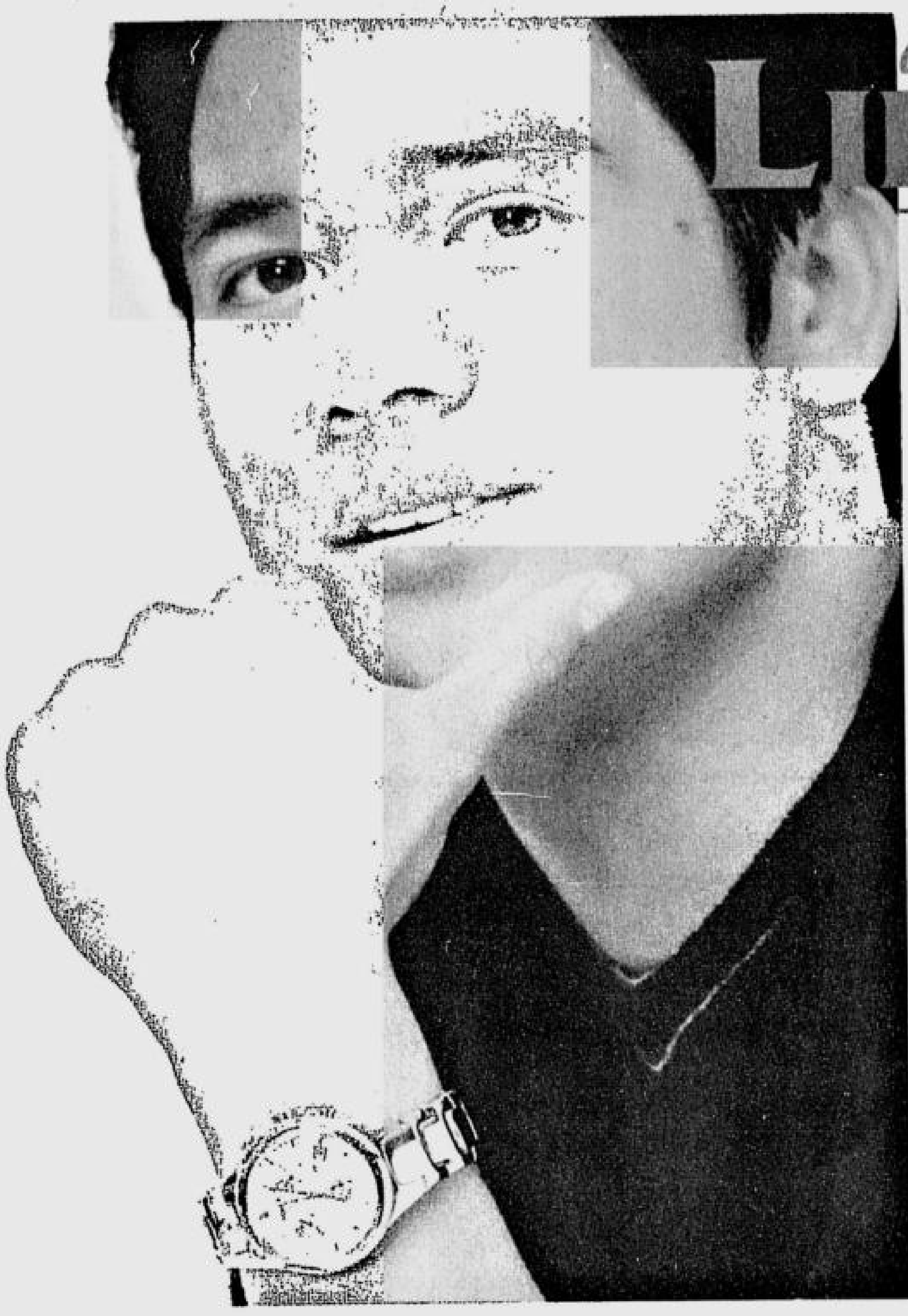
Happy hour with Piolo

I spent 60 minutes with the country's resident dreamboat, and I'm still shell-shocked



THE FACE that launched a thousand screams

By Delia Danz
Contributor

YOU'LL never guess who I had the most scintillating, pheromone-raising, heart-pounding, thank-God-I-had-a-full-body-wax 60 minutes with. I spent an hour gazing into the melted-chocolate eyes of that delectable hunk, Piolo Pascual.

Piolo, Piolo, Piolo. Dearies, I can understand the fascination and the logic behind that old Sprite commercial. Bless me if I didn't feel like blurting out, "I love you, Piolo!" every 10 minutes or so. But of course, I was restrained, and was my usual blasé and very charming self.

I did find out that he has a new soap (*teleserye* to the locals) called "Mangarap Ka" and it's a brand new concept. Imagine, it's a mix of sci-fi and animation and all that melodrama that we Filipinos are known for.

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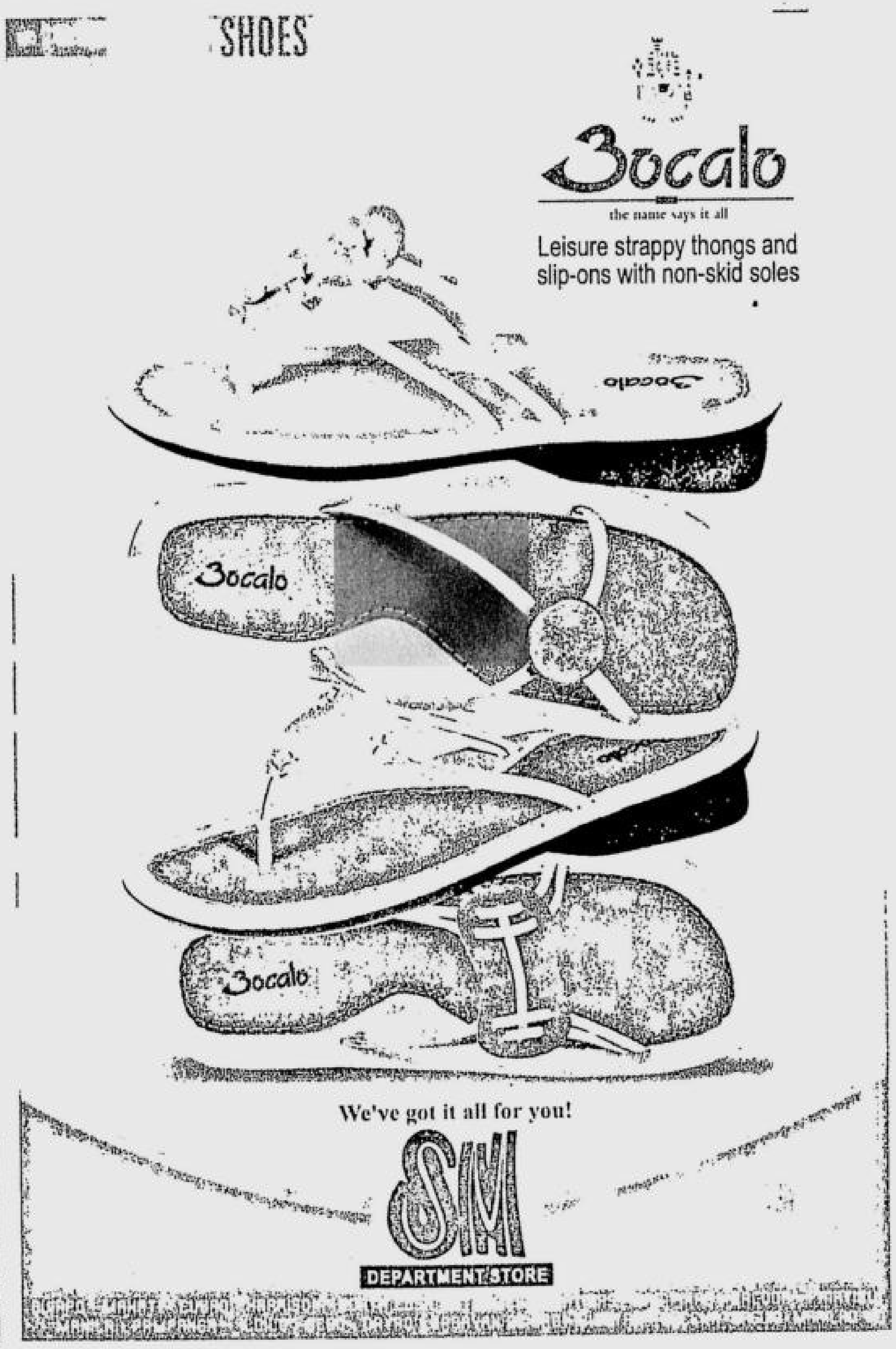

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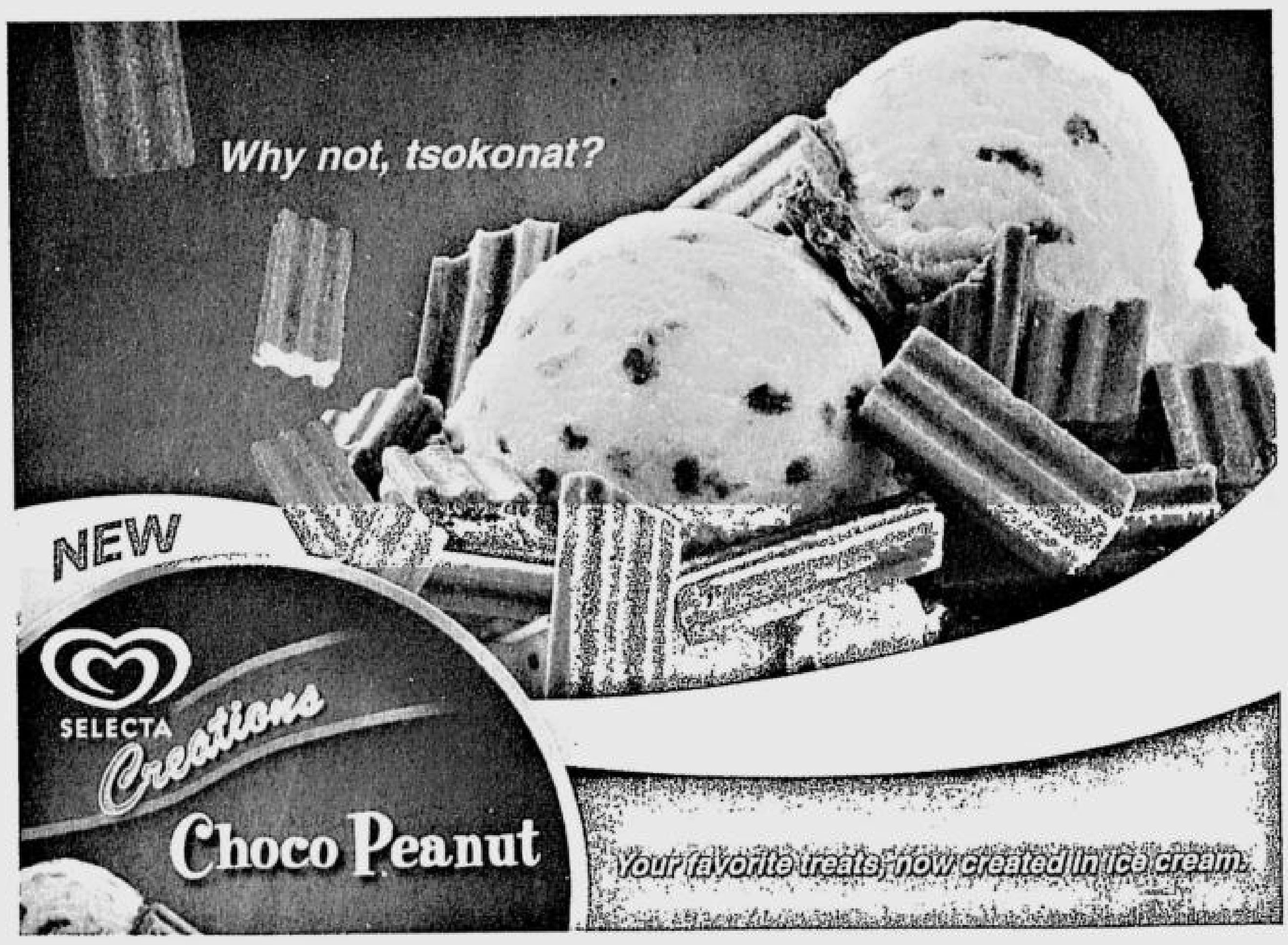

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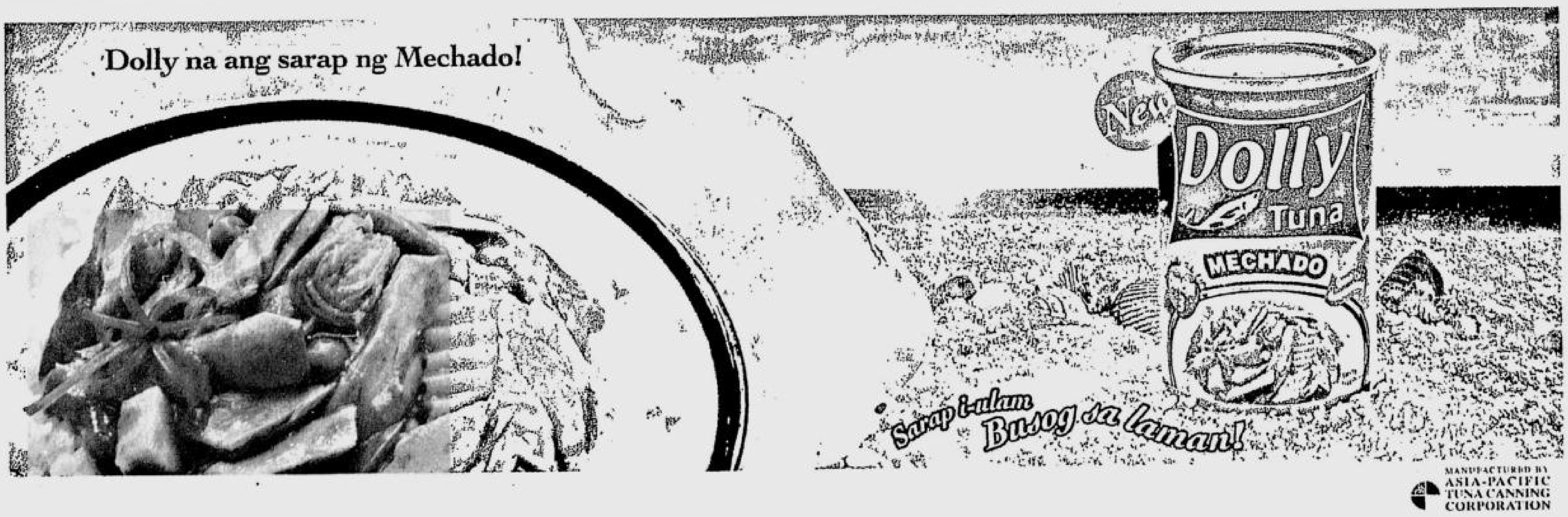

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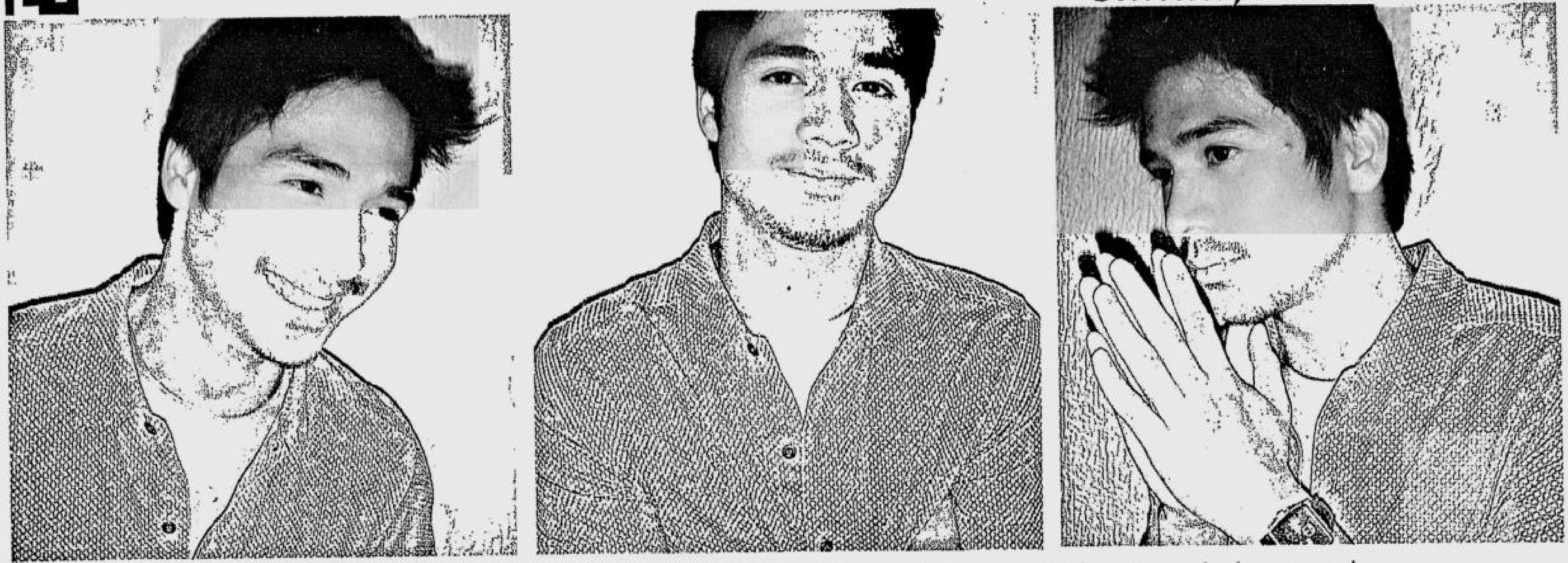

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY. The hunk is all heart, and more. During the interview, he is alternately funny, pensive and guarded. No wonder he raises pheromones—and eyebrows—everywhere.

Happy hour with Piolo

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And then, of course, there's his upcoming concert called "My Gift: Piolo Pascual First Time in Concert." My darling boy has been practicing ages and ages for this not-so-little shindig (it's at the Araneta Coliseum, dearies!), so it should be worth every penny and—I can imagine—all that shoving and being with fans at extremely close quarters. I assure you, *mi amore* Piolo can sing.

Now, *schatzis*, I'm sure that you all know the public Piolo. After all, as the It-Boy for today, his life is plastered all over the papers and TV. So generous little me dug in a different direction (though not necessarily deeper—after all, this is just for fun) to give you these little known facts about our dreamboat. Note that this is only the edited version.

Piolo, sweetie, would you like to go for dinner and more with me? Oh, no, what I mean is, please answer these questions. How many minutes does it take you to...

Take a bath? 30. That includes brushing my teeth, scrubbing, shampoo and conditioner.

Get dressed? 30. Twenty minutes to decide what to wear and 10 to actually get dressed. And choosing my accessories, like the Timex watch that would match my outfit or activities. [A man after my own little heart!]

Eat breakfast? 10. I eat whatever's available—but no pork, no beef.

Get ready for bed? 20. Ten to shower and brush my teeth; and 10 to pray. [I am melting at this point.]

Get out of bed? As fast as I can.

Lose my temper? Depends on the situation, and on my mood. I try not to lose my temper though.

Say I'm sorry? Less than a second; as soon as I realize that I've done something wrong or that I've hurt someone.

Fascinating! Would you like to have breakfast, you, darling, you?

I'm sorry, what did you say?

Nothing, just what is your idea of perfect happiness?

Spending time with my loved ones, with a peaceful mind.

Mine is a date with you. But on to the next question. What is your greatest fear, Piolo, honey?

Losing my family (pause) Ummm... Do you have another question?

Of course! What superhero do you identify with?

Superman! He's the ultimate superhero.

I can see the resemblance. Would you rescue me?

Anytime, Delia.

(A bit flustered) That would be lovely. Perhaps after this interview? Name a living person that you admire.

Bro. Eddie Villanueva.

A trait that you don't like in yourself.

Hmm. I get impatient sometimes.

I don't mind. Now what traits don't you

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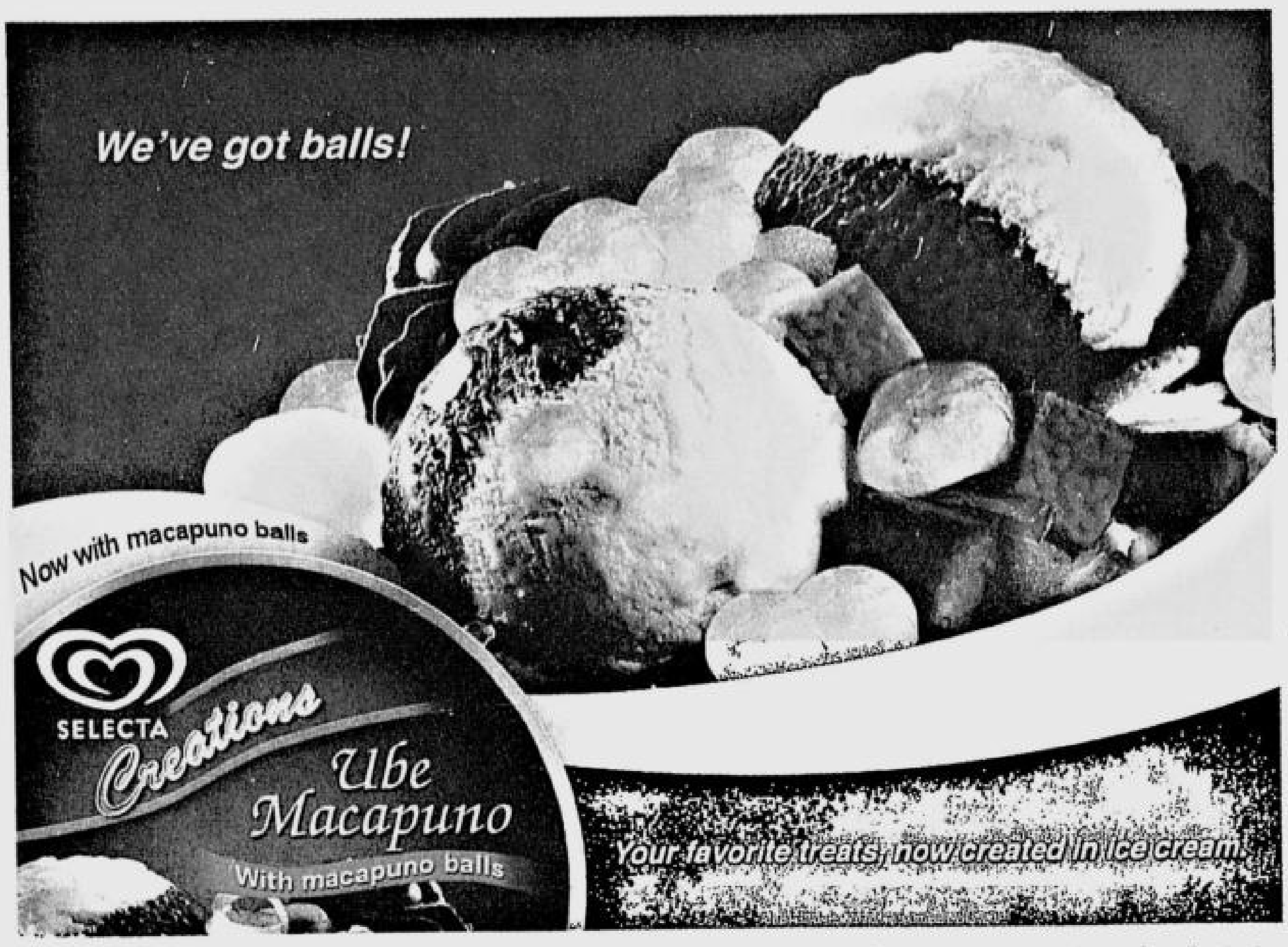
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Happy hour with Piolo

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like in others?

Selfishness.

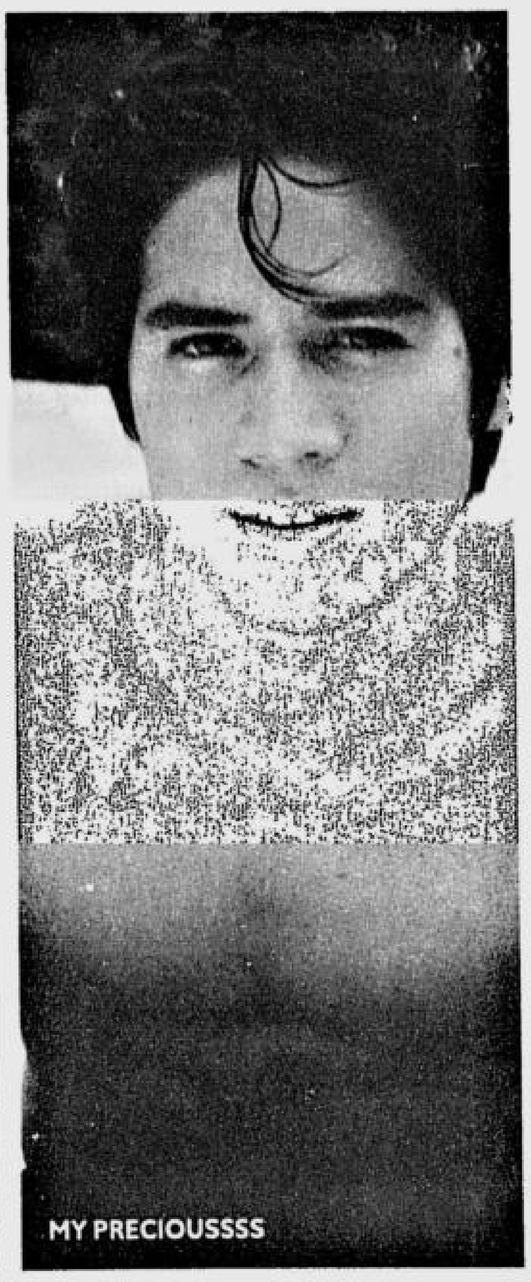
What's your greatest extravagance?

When we were shooting "Milan," I shopped at Prada.

Oh, me too! This is kismet! I knew we were soulmates! Next: What's your most treasured possession?

My faith.

How inspiring, sweetie! (sees Piolo looking at his Timex watch). Are you in a hurry, honeybunch?



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Oh, I have all the time for you, Delia.

You're such a charmer, Piolo, honey. Maybe after this interview...? Anyway, what's your favorite trip so far?

My first time in Europe, 2001.

Would you like to live with me?

I beg your pardon?

Where would you like to live, aside from the Philippines?

Anywhere that's quiet and peaceful.

Favorite occupation?

Being an *artista*.

I'm sure your fans will thank you for that. Favorite preoccupation?

Hahahaha. Sleeping!

Now that's interesting, sweetie. I wouldn't mind that at all! What quality do you value in friends?

Trustworthiness and love.

You said Superman was the ideal superhero. Do you have any real-life heroes?

Pastors from Christian churches. They go out and make good disciples. Do you know how hard that is to do?

Do you have a philosophy in life?

You have only one shot at life, so do the things that are good.

Would you rather be on the cover of Time, GQ or Vanity Fair?

Time, definitely.

Oh, my time's almost up! Last question then. What if your time's up? How would you like to die?

I don't want to die. I believe in life after death.

Well there you have it, *liebchens*. My 60 amazing Piolo Pascual minutes. Before I sign off, my overflowing thanks to Timex, the 150-year-old classic American watch brand.

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TUPPERWARE received recently the award for Advancing the Status of Women from the Soroptimist International of the Philippines Region.

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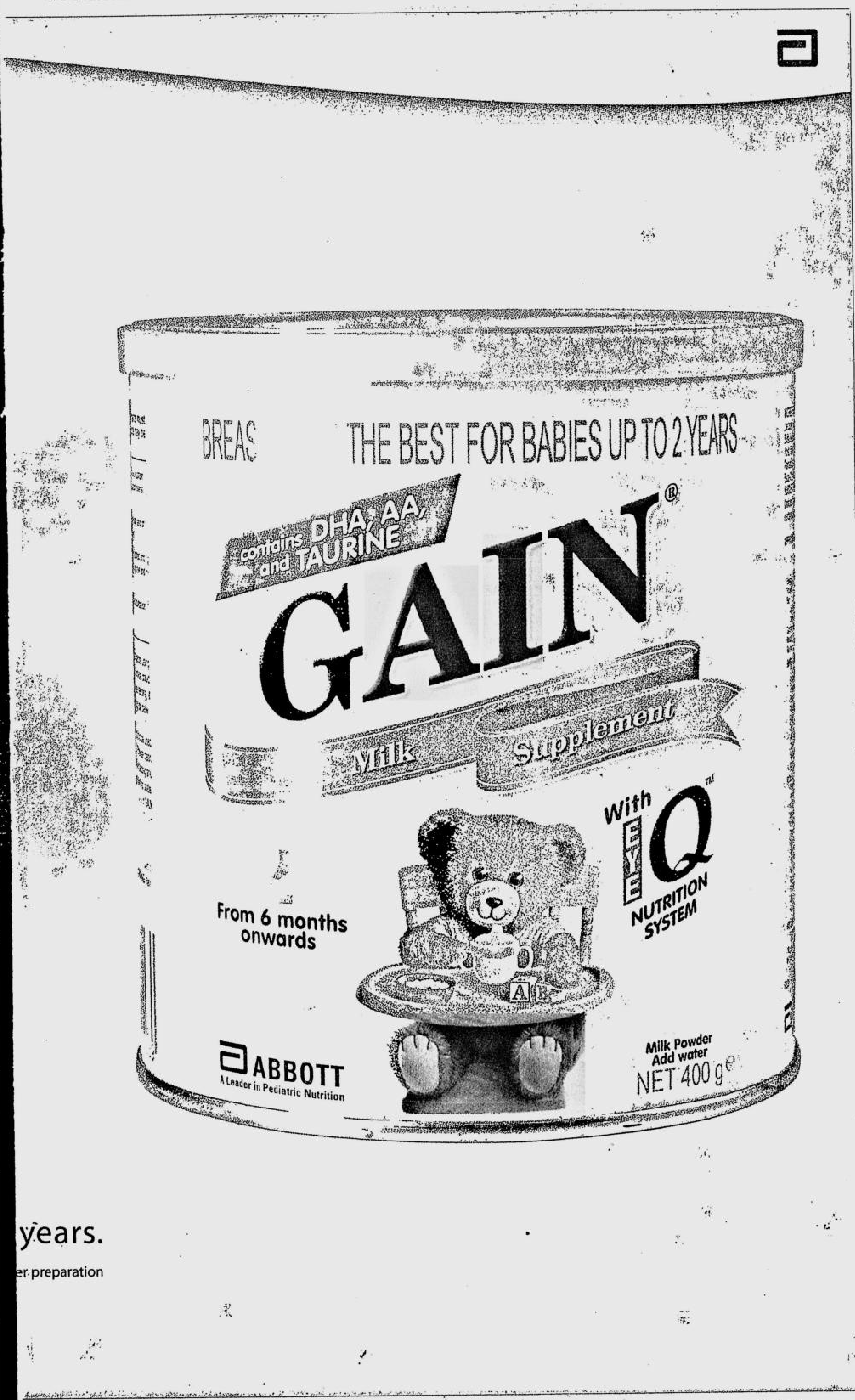
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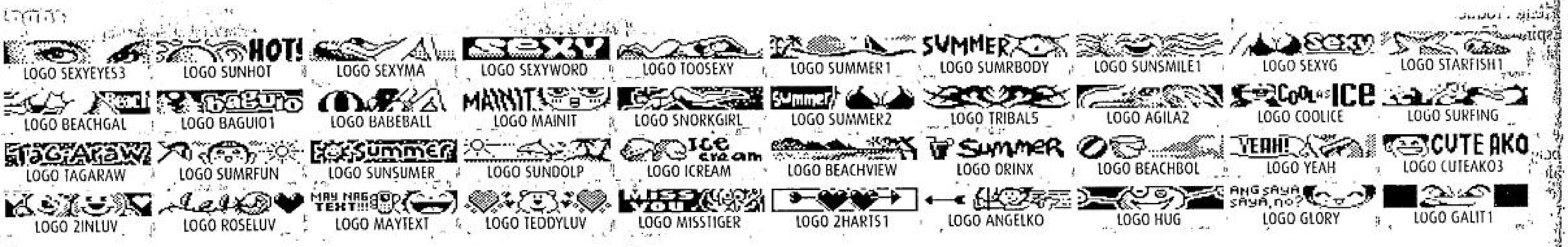

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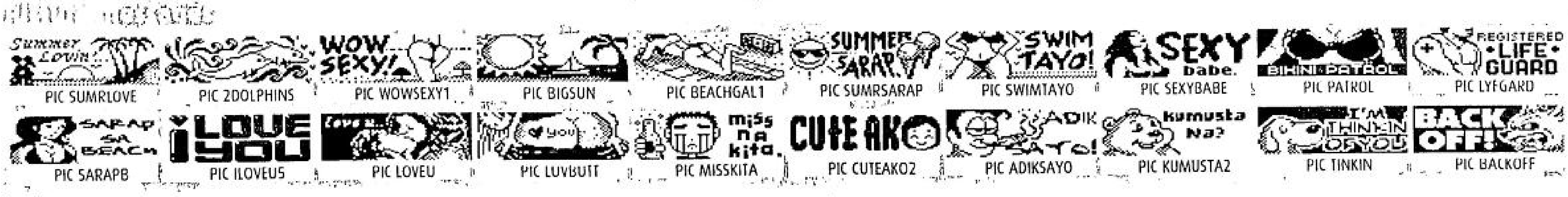

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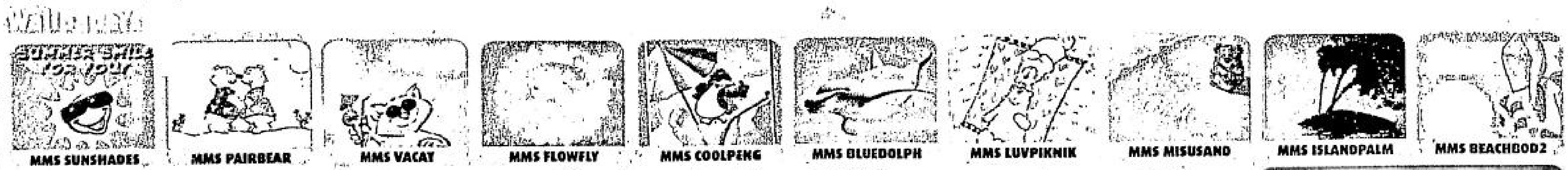

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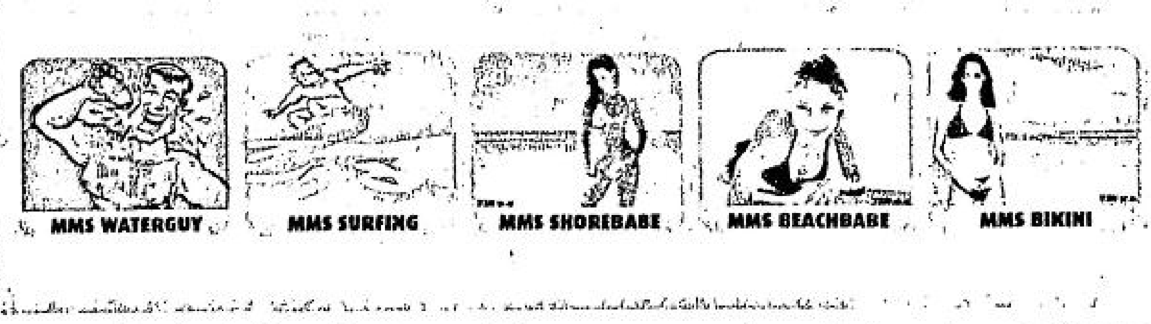

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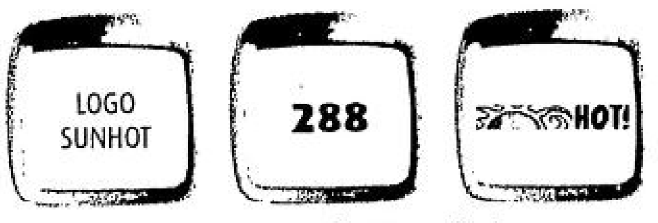

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From fashion pow-wow to fashion bow-wow

The Philippine Fashion Week separates the men from the boys, in a manner of speaking

RAJO LAUREL makes use of classic silhouettes and minimal beadwork.

GENER Gozum's fashion chopsuey

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

WHAT sets apart Rajo Laurel, Frederick Peralta, Barge Ramos, Fanny Serrano, Efren Ocampo and Ole Morabe from other fashion designers such as Gener Gozum, Ivan dela Cruz, Johnny Abad and Francis Calaquian?

In the highly subjective world of fashion, it isn't that one group is better or more creative than the other. Nor can any of them hold an exclusive franchise to new ideas sweeping fashion today.

What probably makes Laurel and company stand out from the rest is their ability to latch on to a concept and judiciously use the right materials and accessories to flesh it out. They wisely steer clear of the temptation to go overboard in an event where one-upmanship is usually more the rule than the exception.

These noteworthy traits were evident in the latest collections of some of the country's top designers during the recent Philippine Fashion Week gala night at Fort Bonifacio's NBC Tent. Produced by brothers Joey and Audie Espino of Runway Productions, the annual fashion extravaganza is ongoing until Friday. Starting today, the events will be held at the Glorietta Activity Area in Makati.

Laurel's collection consisted of draped gowns made of silk jersey in black, chocolate brown and beige. The silhouette-flowing columns that revealed considerable skin were neither new nor revolutionary, but they somehow came out fresh and cohesive due to his razor-sharp design instinct and penchant for drama.

While almost everybody went for color, Laurel stuck to neutral shades with minimal beadwork in keeping with his African-inspired phase. The collection, which was the show's finale, provided the audience with a much-needed respite from the plethora of shock-and-awe pieces that came out earlier.

In lieu of color, he resorted to huge accessories—from coiled bracelets to spring-like necklaces—for maximum impact. Instead of confusing the look, the rather exaggerated attempt at styling (Laurel's trademark, actual-

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EXAGGERATED styling underscores Laurel's statement.

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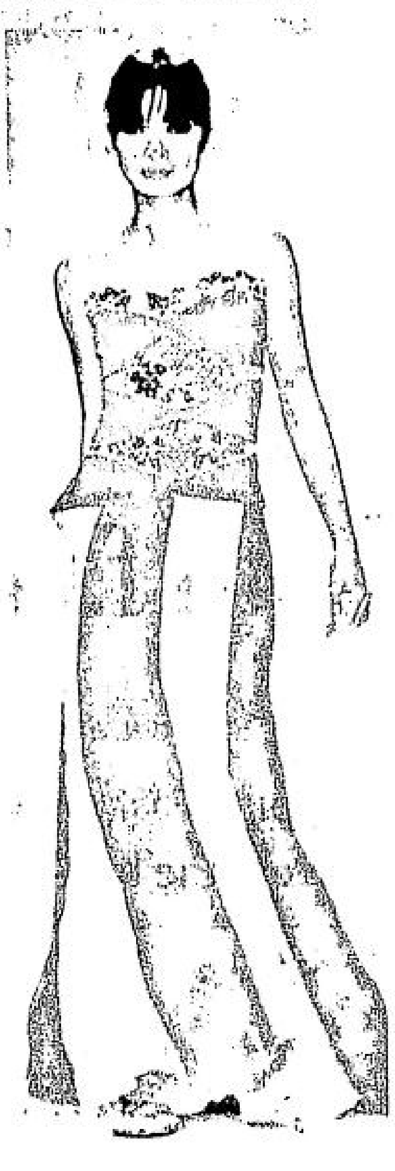
FRANCIS Calaquian's take on summer wear

IT'S high time Johnny Abad gives his fiberglass bodice a rest.

ARNOLD Galang's beaded tank top and floor-length denim skirt



NOLIE Hans combines solid colors with prints.

IVAN dela Cruz goes stiff and, yawn, repetitive.

KATRINA Goulbourn draws inspiration from the 1950s.

From fashion pow-wow to fashion bow-wow

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ly) surprisingly highlighted the pieces. He'll present the same collection in the regional designers' portion of the Malaysian Fashion Week this Tuesday.

Muddled

Contrast Laurel's pieces with Gozum and you'll know what we mean. The latter seemed to have used every imaginable color, fabric and element found in the fashion books to come up with a mishmash of a collection that looked muddled at best.

It was no joke to come up with such labor-intensive numbers. But what a pity since all that beading, layering, draping, sewing and patching seemed to have amounted to nothing. There was little that could be salvaged from such a fashion chopsuey.

Calaquian and Dela Cruz did relatively better. Although most of Calaquian's separates were often swamped with outlandish details, some draped and layered numbers were at least redeemable. As for Dela Cruz, his clothes with pointed and extended flaps were too stiff and repetitive as to induce yawns.

Serrano also succeeded in working on a theme: beachfront wedding using soft silk chiffon in various permutations. Like Laurel, he also veered from using bright colors, focusing instead on layering and draping. We only wish that he had made use of bigger faux flowers for visual impact.

The pieces, a total departure from Serrano's at times bizarre attempts at show-biz glam, were refreshing except for one hitch, which we supposed was unintentional: one of his clothes, a halter with a hanky-dropped hemline, came undone exposing the poor model's left breast.

Imagine if such an exposure had happened in a family venue such as Glorietta. Such glitches, although totally unavoidable, should have been addressed during dress rehearsals.

On the other end of the color spectrum, Ramos opted for black tailored pieces for men and women. The slim collection, which combined crepe and *jusi*, were accented either by zippers and grosgrain. Ramos said he drew inspiration from his recent trip to Manhattan.

Peralta gave his trademark heavy beadwork and appliqué a rest, and went back to his roots by showcasing a mix of pin-stripped tailored pieces. His same-sex wedding ensemble also included a pair of silk gazar "pouf" dresses and an off-shoulder wedding gown with minimal beadwork. Again, the concept—including the workmanship that went into each piece—and not the accessories, proved his main draw.

Meanwhile, Morabe played with black, white and mango yellow to come up with wearable dresses and separates made of crepe and georgette with *jusi* and *piña* inserts. It was his take, he said, on the beggar look with frayed strips and circles sewn on the bodices and skirts. Despite drawing inspiration from the homeless, his clothes came out smelling fresh and looking crisp.

Like Morabe, Ocampo's sensible use of color and attention to detail enabled his Grecian-inspired dresses made from jersey to stand out. Draped, shirred bodices with uneven skirts that were cut on the bias were devoid of traditional summer colors, but loaded with the season's sultry feel.

Standouts

This isn't to say that designers who opted for color failed. In a crowded field of fruity and candy-shades, the works of Katrina Goulbourn, Larry Espinosa and Peter Lim stood out.

Goulbourn capitalized on her strength as a young designer by coming up with yummy separates made of such materials as silk, satin, *jusi* and *piña*. We have some misgivings on her cheerleader miniskirts with tiered ruffles at the back, but those A-line skirts with huge floral appliqués perfectly captured the season's mood.

Except for a few lose and willowy georgette pieces with sunburst pleating, Espinosa went all-out show-biz glam with gowns that had blouson-like halters made of white and colored beads that he painstakingly strung together. The skirts were invariably slim, and beneath all those lose beadwork was skin-tone lining.

Lim also put his craftsmanship to good use in a floral-inspired collection that seemed meant for a more mature market. Unlike a number of his colleagues, the designer, who's obviously no minimalist, put his frivolity to good use with hand-pleated and hand-sewn numbers. His last piece, for instance, is accented with pleated chiffon in hot pink rolled into a huge floral detail.

Such attempts at exaggeration may not appeal to the 20-something, but at least Lim is aware of his niche in the fashion firmament. That's another attribute Lim, Laurel and company know only too well.

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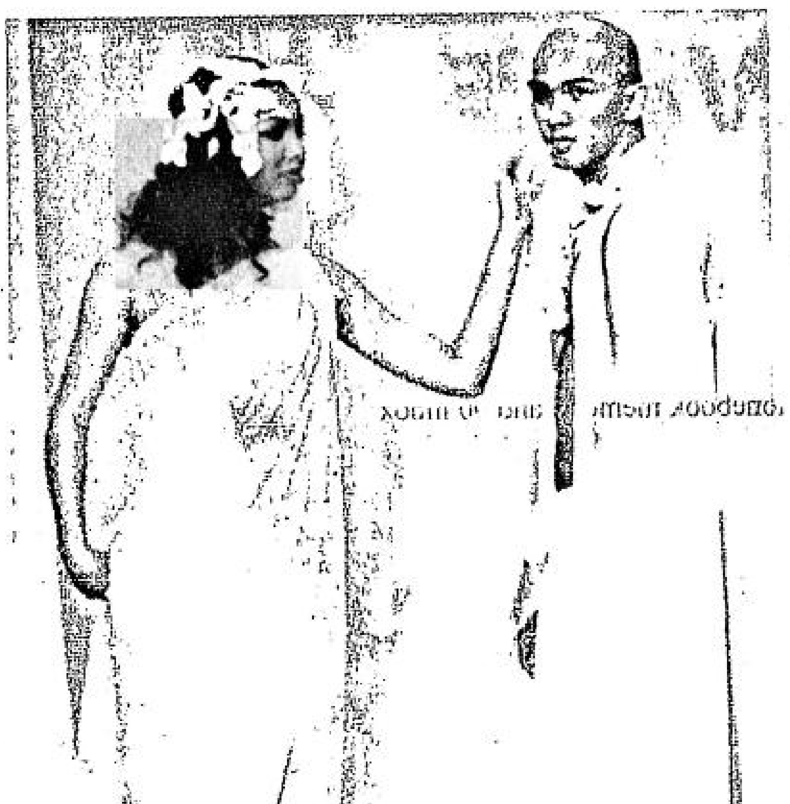


FANNY Serrano's beachfront wedding basics

NONO Palmos' *jusi* skirts, jersey tops and linen pants meant for Boracay

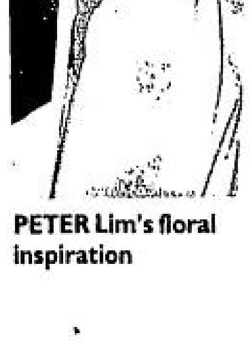
FREDERICK Peralta goes back to basics with tailored and minimalist pieces.

EGAR Allan's draped creation

JC Buendia's mastery of tailoring is evident, but the pants fell short—literally.

BARGE Ramos takes Manhattan in this black number.

LARRY Espinosa's cool white number



PETER Lim's floral inspiration

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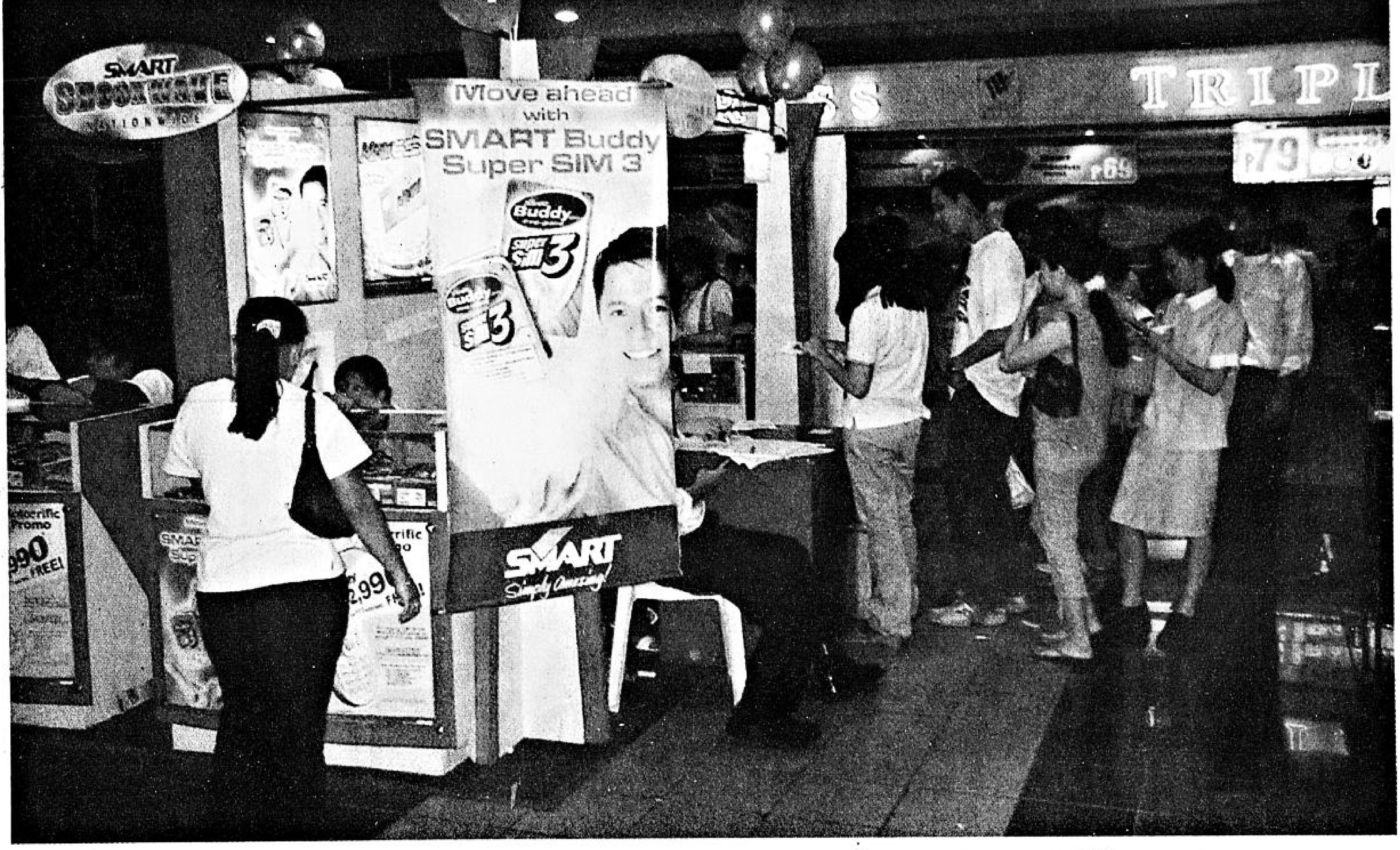
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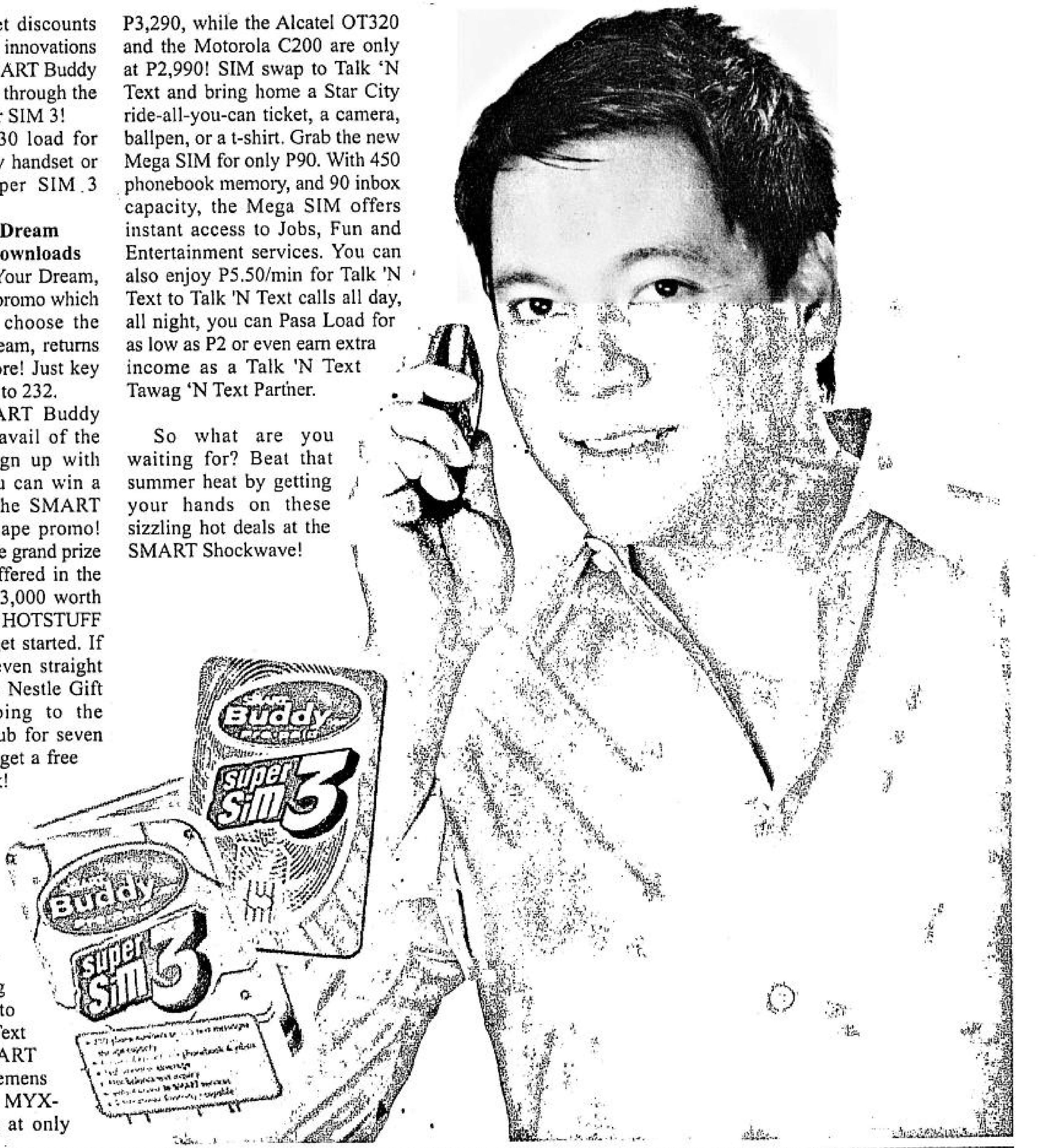

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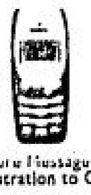
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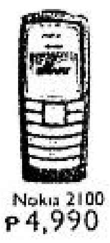
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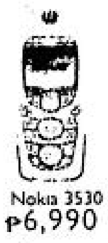
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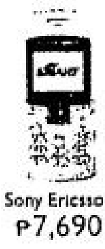
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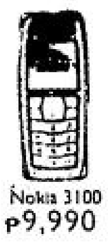
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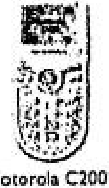
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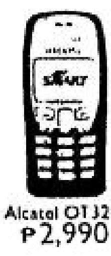
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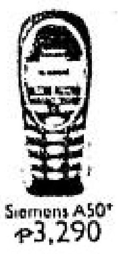
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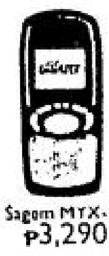
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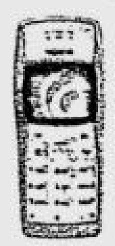

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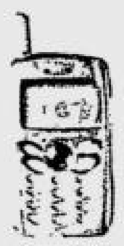

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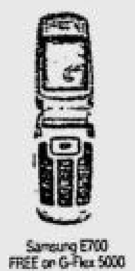

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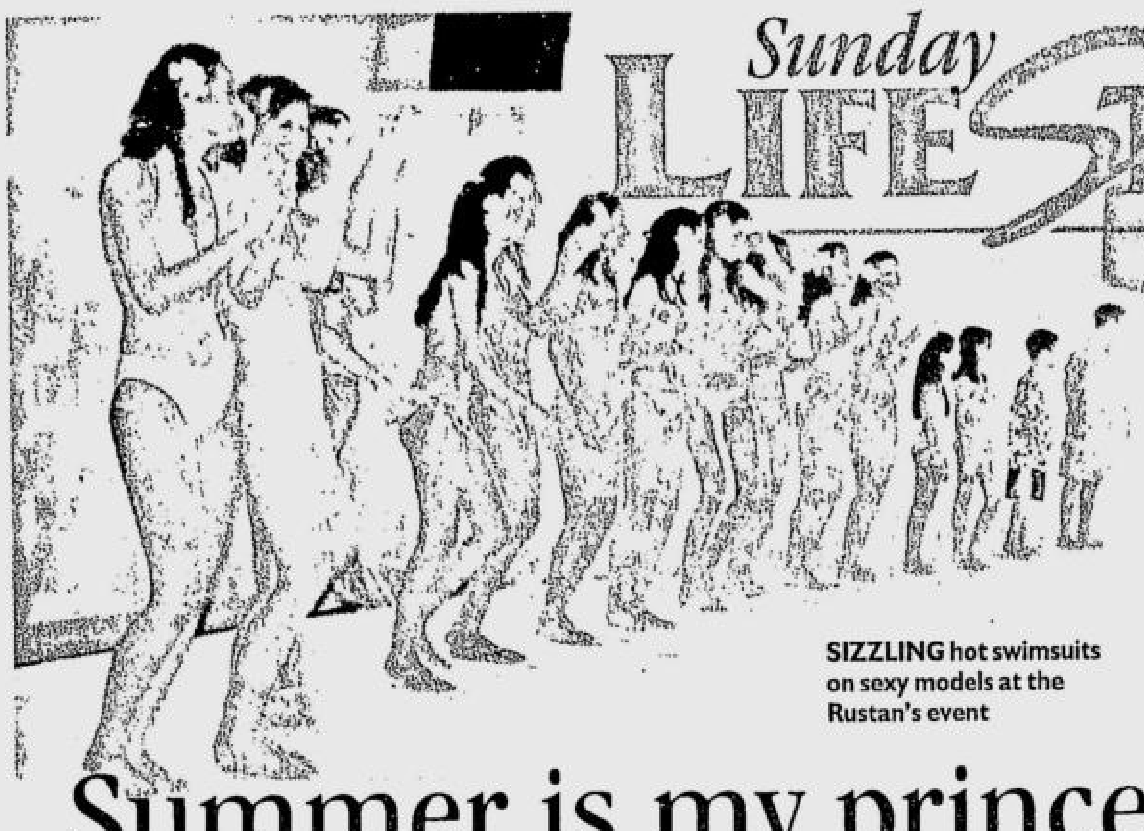

SIZZLING hot swimsuits on sexy models at the Rustan's event

With my outrageous feathered summer get-up, I outdo Carmen Miranda and have a fling—with my husband

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TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

SUMMER is in full swing. It started with the Rustan's Rush Into the Sun fashion show. Seeing the tiny waists of the models as they ramped down the catwalk over the pool of the Hotel Intercontinental had me rethinking my diet. Either it was not working or I was cheating too much. You know how it is with us women; we can never be too thin or too rich.

Since the Rustan's theme was Caribbean, I got trendsetter U designer **Dennis Lustico** to transform one of his creations to suit the occasion. He added colorful feathers to my headdress, which was a gift from **Leah Puyat** for my birthday last year. I combined Leah and Lustico with a vintage **Joe Salazar**, a ruffled Bolero.

Looking more like **Carmen Miranda**, I could have been one of the back-up dancers for **Barry Manilow** as he sang, "Her name was Lola. She was a showgirl." But thanks to that amazing headgear, I was taller than most of the guests.

The highlight of the night was the raffle prize, an eight-day Caribbean cruise for two on Princess Cruises. I was so shocked when Ambassador **Bienvenido Tantoco** read the winning name: **Kit Zobel**. Is life fair? Some people have all the luck. Her lucky star must have been shining on her entire family that night, as even her cousin **Cathy Lichauco** won a hotel weekend stay.

What is summer if not hot days and cool parties at night? I sported that same Caribbean look to the launch of the second coffee table book of **Patrick Rosas**. This makeup maverick teamed up this time with edgy celebrity photographer **Raymond Isaac** and once again put Filipina beauties on center stage.

My portrait was in an **Andy Warhol**-stylized quadruple shot with psychedelic lighting. Raymond figured that I wanted to get noticed more so that effect would create more impact. With my hairpiece done by **Eric Maningat**, my photo really did stand out. But then again, my opinion is obviously biased, so perhaps you can just buy the book and decide for yourselves.

Beach bumming

Would summer be summer without the beach? From festival colors, I went all white for a summer beach party right in the heart of Makati! For the new Ralph Lauren Blue for women, Dream Bar was converted to Boracay complete with sand and shells. I made sure I was as far from sexy **Bianca Araneta** so I wouldn't feel too bad about my diet again.

SUMMER/ G6

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Wedding season begins

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Jaime Picornell

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That brought to mind the party in honor of Angel and Francis two nights before the wedding at the home of **Mariquita** and **Carlos Yeung** (he was one of the sponsors) where the Japanese restaurant showcased its specialties.

Two weddings

Meanwhile, two grand weddings were held on the same Saturday afternoon in different churches and at different times. But the respective receptions were held in one place—the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel.

Set for 2 p.m. at the cathedral was the wedding of **Mary Ann Tan**, daughter of **Pascual** and **Lily Tan**, to **Benedict Benedicto**, son of Honorary Consul of Belgium **Enrique Benedicto** and **Helena T. Benedicto.** It was the culmination of a nine-year romance.

Msgrs. **Isabelo Abarquez, Oscar Villamor, Adelito Abella** and **Cayetano Gelbolingo** officiated at the nuptial Mass while Msgr. **Rudy Villanueva** conducted the San Carlos Seminary Choir ever so beautifully.

The reception was held at the Waterfront's grand ballroom. Among the many prominent guests were two ambassadors: Belgium's **Christian Tanghe**, and the bridegroom's uncle, **Francisco Benedicto**, the Philippine envoy to Canada.

At 2:30 p.m. the wedding of **Jennifer Toledo**, daughter of **Miguel** and the former **Pacita** (**nee Unchuan**) **Toledo**, and **Allen Tan**, son of **Danny** and **Marlinda (nee Angbetic) Tan**, was held at the Parish of the Sacred Heart. The six-year romance developed from a friendship between two province mates who were both students at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The reception was at the Waterfront's Atlantic Hall. Cocktails were served at the foyer. Round tables adorned with flowers dotted the hall.

The newlyweds made their entrance to the tune of a Carlos Gardel tango, "Por Una Cabeza" (popularized in the film "Scent of a Woman"), and went through the intricacies of the dance, as everyone applauded.

Two nights before, a "despedida de soltera" was held at the home of the bride in Peace Valley, a masterpiece by architect **Ramon Escario** who did exactly what **Goel** and **Cit-Cit Toledo** had in mind: big windows.

The party had a Hawaiian theme, the extensive front lawn splendidly decorated with masses of flowers. The Country Club prepared the buffet, with credits going to **Purita Arda.** But the crispy *lechons* served at the wedding reception came from one of Allen Tan's business concerns—Lechon King.

A week later, on another Saturday afternoon, **Michelle Johanna To**, daughter of **Nilo** and **Linda To**, wed **Harold Jerome Pepito**, son of **Lucita Reyes Vda. de Pepito**, at the Alliance of Two Hearts Parish in Banawa, Cebu City. The reception was held at the ballroom of Alta Vista Golf and Country Club.

More weddings

Weddings in the coming weeks will unite several prominent families in Cebu. At 3 p.m. on May 8, at the St. Therese Parish in Lahug, is the wedding of **Gilda Olan** to **Hans Lienaw.** She is the daughter of **Virgilio Olan** and **Ma. Linda (nee Edillor) Olan**; he is the son of **Roberta Lienaw** and **Socorro (nee Velez) Lienaw.** A cocktail reception followed by dinner will be held at the Cebu Grand Convention Center.

On June 5, **Ross Rica King**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Ricarido Delfin King**, will marry **Darren Deen**, son of prominent lawyer **Danny Deen** and the former **Zeny Chacon.** A solemn betrothal ceremony and Mass were held at the chapel of the Carmelite Monastery.

They were followed by an elegant al fresco dinner hosted by the King family at the Chateau de Busay on a hill overlooking Cebu. The buffet included specialties of the house, among others: Humba, a Visayan pork dish; and the most tender steaks ever, cooked according to the guests' wishes.

Pia Seno, daughter of former Cebu City councilor **Franklin** and **Evelyn (nee Regner) Seno**, is another June bride. She has an altar date on June 19 with **Sean Campbell**, son of **Harry** and **Carmen (nee Adad) Campbell.** Elaborate preparations are underway.

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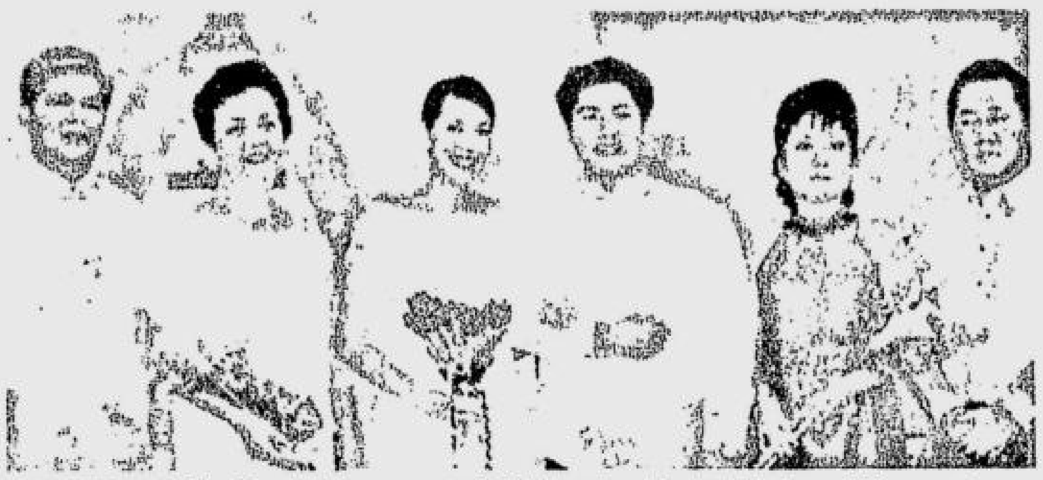
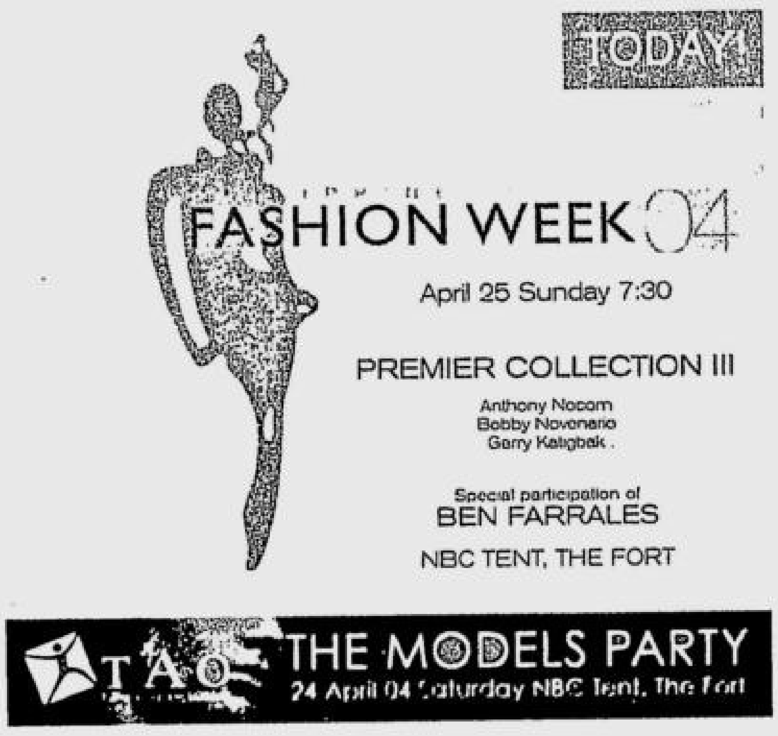


JENNIFER and Allen Tan with her parents (left) Miguel and Pacita Toledo, and his parents Marlinda and Danny Tan

BENDY and Mary Ann Benedicto



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ACROSS
1 Thrives
9 Move like a rabbit
12 Standees' supports
18 Connected to a central source
19 Positive thinker Norman Vincent —
21 "Yer darn —!"
22 Lawyer in court, often
23 "Watching —" (NBC sitcom)
24 Diaper-bag item
25 Start of a riddle
28 Alternatively
31 Prefix with byte or hertz
32 U-turn from WSW
33 "Kookie" Byrnes
34 Riddle, Part 2
42 Papa
43 "— had it!"
44 Did a laundry task
45 Time-line divisions
49 Eggs, biologically
50 Drenches
53 Gas guzzler
54 From the beginning
56 Proceeded
58 Riddle, Part 3
62 Peculiar
64 Special glow
65 List-curtailing abbr.
66 Visibly embarrassed
67 Narrow down
70 Riddle, Part 4
74 Vast chasm
76 Actress Gardner
77 Jungle swinger
79 Long and slithery
80 "Bravo, bullfighter!"
81 End of riddle
87 Short sprint
91 Sea rover
92 "A mouse!"
93 Kind of sweater
95 Ovine whine
96 Actor Baldwin
97 Prefaces
100 — Paulo, Brazil
101 Wood-shaping tool
102 Start of riddle's answer
108 Mantra syllables
111 Hit head-on
112 Bit of inspiration
113 Antis' votes
114 End of answer
122 Mrs. Oskar Schindler
123 Arbor offering
124 "Designing Women" actor Hal
128 Stronger-tasting, as venison
129 "Bad, bad" Brown of song
130 Clear the premises
131 Size up
132 Dollar bill
133 Pea soup

DOWN
1 Prof's degree
2 Wade's rival
3 Punch-in-the-gut sound
4 Gave a bias to
5 Phnom — (Cambodia's capital)
6 Circular water current
7 Felt very bad about
8 7-Up rival
9 Saintly circle
10 Hodgepodge
11 Look intently
12 High- — (edgy)
13 Perfectly
14 College military org.
15 — very least
16 Heaped
17 Bergen dummy Mortimer
19 Jewelry that's often 12 Down
20 City on the Rio Grande
26 Marina — Rey, CA
27 Bit of sweat
28 Bequeath
29 Part of AWOL
30 Roomy car
35 "— the season . . ."
36 Elliptical
37 Connery of "Dr. No"
38 St. Louis spectacle
39 The Beehive State
40 Syringe fluids
41 One who did the lord's work
46 Give it another go
47 Bonfire residue
48 Casts off hair
51 "The Bridge on the River —"
52 Steer clear of
54 Fore's opposite
55 — point (hub)
57 Baby's "piggy"
59 Tick off
60 Stengel of the diamond
61 Spider-Man creator Stan
63 Rough version
67 Florida port
68 Bonolit
69 San Diego baseballer
70 Any of 13 popes
71 Fly trap
72 Abbr. on a mountain sign
73 Actor O'Neal
75 Snoozing site
78 Historic leader?
80 Director's dream
82 Per person
83 Clothing store section
84 Eve's third-born
85 Gumbo veggie
86 Incubation station
88 Addis —, Ethiopia
89 In a melancholy manner
90 Mists
94 Rick Derringer's "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —"
97 Metrical foot
98 Spanish city
99 Novelist Sheldon
103 Banks and Els
104 Bets
105 Composer Rorem
106 Cut badly
107 Not factual
108 Last Greek letter
109 "— Family" (sitcom)
110 Flips through
115 "Would — to you?"
116 Nobel Peace Prize city
117 Now's partner
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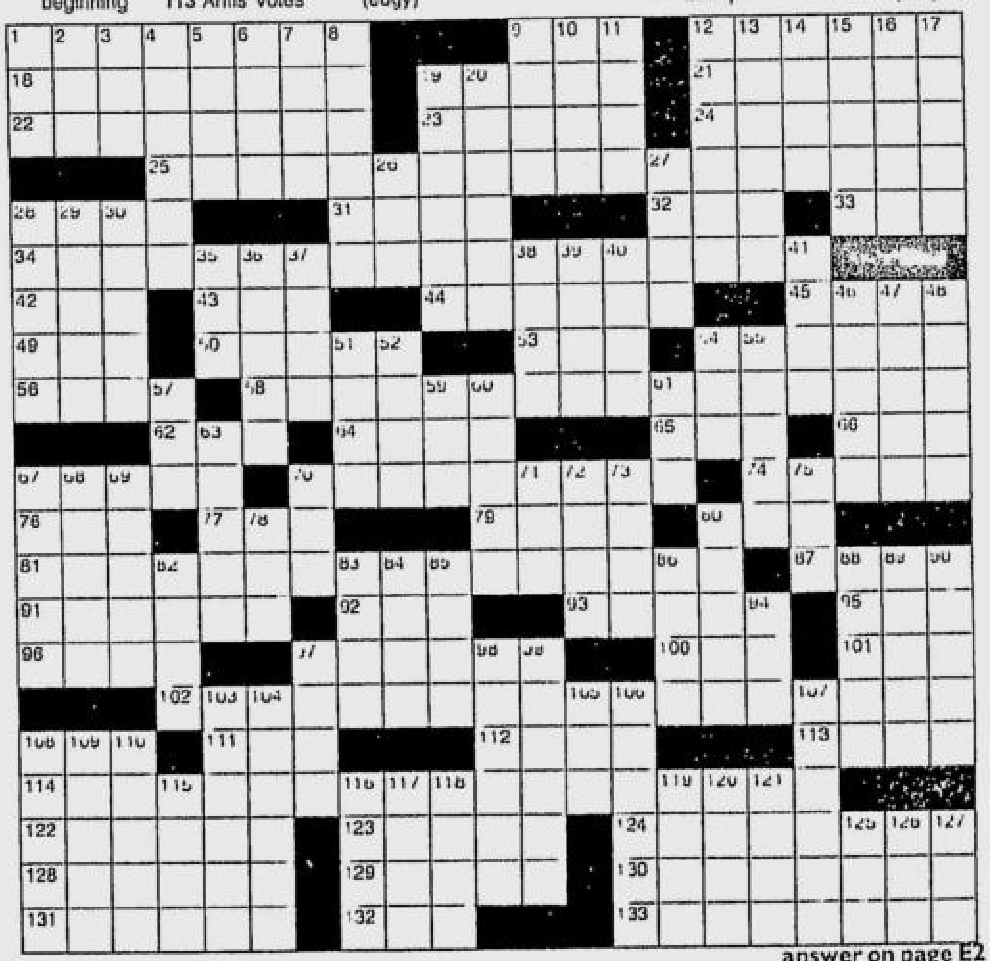

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Two weddings

Meanwhile, two grand [illegible] on the same Saturday afte[illegible] churches and at differen[illegible] spectiv[illegible] receptions [illegible] place[illegible] the Waterfront C[illegible] Hotel.

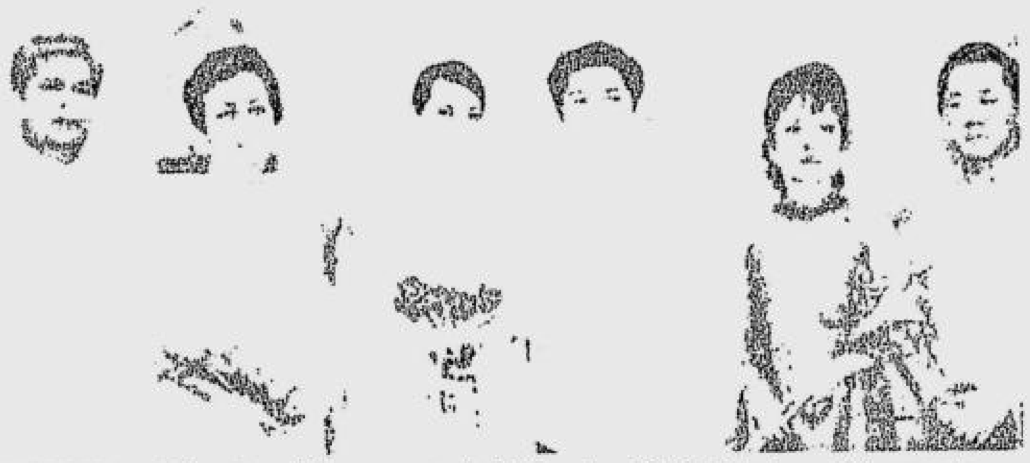
Set for 2 p.m. at the cathedral was the [illegible] ding of Mary Ann Tan, daughter of Pascual and Lily Tan, to Benedict Benedicto, [illegible] Honorary Consul of Belgium Enrique Benedicto and Helena T. Benedicto. It was th[illegible] culmin[illegible]

Msgrs. Isabelo Abarquez, Oscar Villamor, Adelito Abella and Cayetano Gelbolingo officiated at the nuptial Mass. [illegible] Msgr. Rudy Villanueva conducted the San Carlos Seminary Choir ever so beautifully.

The reception was held at th[illegible] va [illegible]

guests [illegible] Christian Tanghe[illegible] cl[illegible], Francisco Benedicto, [illegible]

At 2:30 p.m. [illegible] Jennifer Toledo, daughter of Miguel a[illegible] Pacita (nee Unchuan) Toledo [illegible] Allen Tan, of Danny and Marlinda (nee Angbetic) Tan, was held at the Parish [illegible] The [illegible]



JENNIFER and Allen Tan with her parents (left) Miguel and Pacita Toledo, and his parents Marlinda and Danny Tan

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ta[illegible] were served at the foyer. Round tables adorned with flowers dotted the hall.

The newlyweds made their entrance to the [illegible] Carlos Gardel tango, "Por Una Cabeza" (popularized in the film "Scent of a Woman") and went through the intrica[illegible] the dance [illegible] everyone applauded.

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BENDY and Mary Ann Benedicto

More weddings

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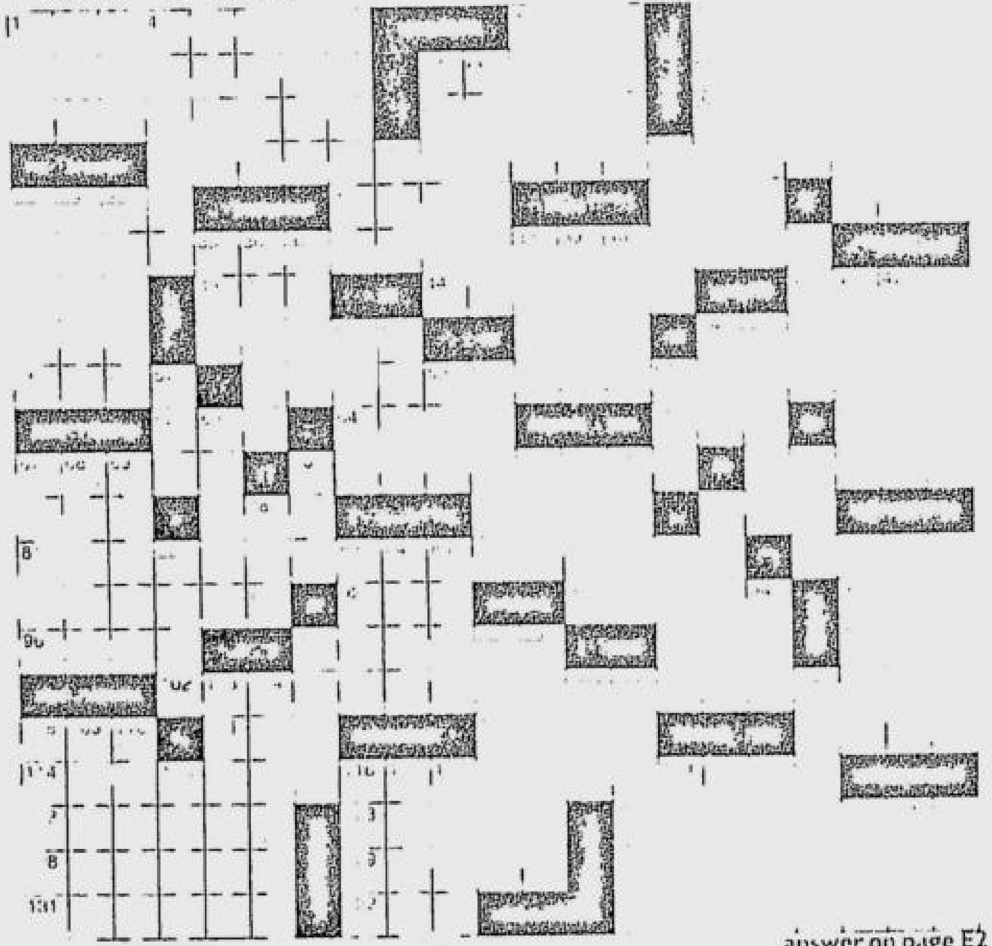

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Milestones

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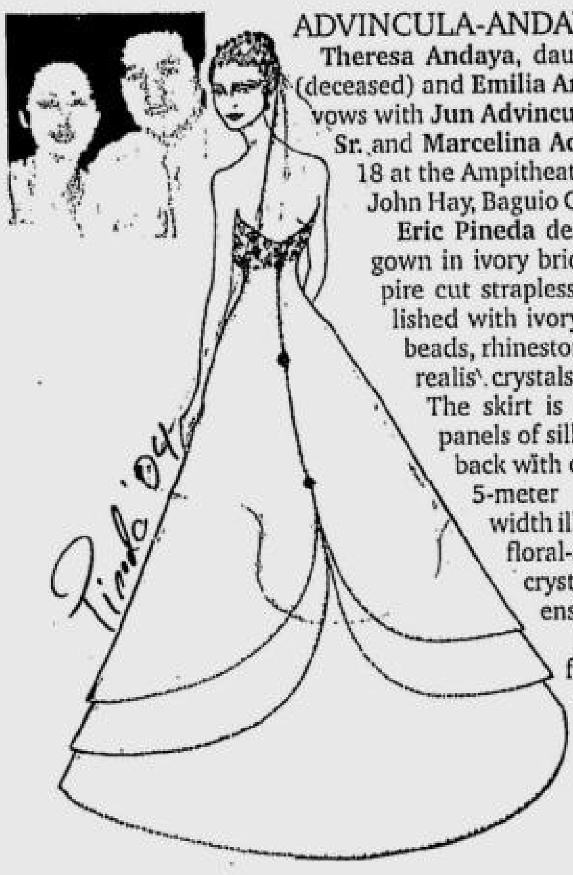


ADVINCULA-ANDAYA

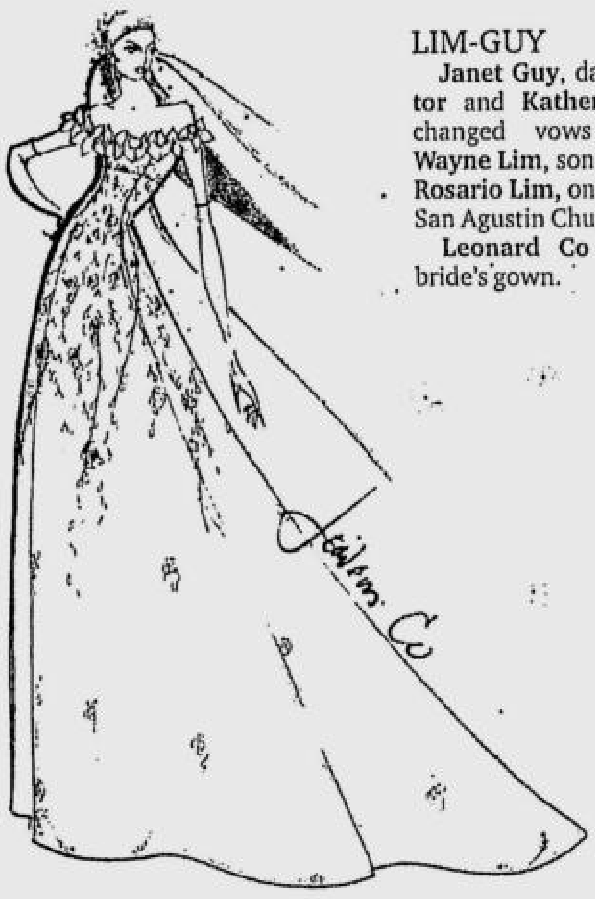
Theresa Andaya, daughter of **Antonio** (deceased) and **Emilia Andaya**, exchanged vows with **Jun Advincula**, son of **Juanito Sr.** and **Marcelina Advincula**, on April 18 at the Ampitheater Garden of Club John Hay, Baguio City.

Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown in ivory bridal satin. The empire cut strapless bodice is embellished with ivory and silver caviar beads, rhinestones and aurora borealis crystals in rose pattern. The skirt is layered with two panels of silk gazar held at the back with crystal brooches. A 5-meter veil of double width illusion tulle held by floral-shaped Swarovski crystals completes the ensemble.

Reception will follow at the Ballroom Hall of the Baguio Country Club.

CULLO-BARRERA

Ronald Allan F. Cullo, son of Capt. and Ms **Mansueto C. Cullo**, exchanged vows with **Ame B. Barrera**, daughter of Mr. and Ms Antonio Barrera, last March 27 at the Sta. Monica Church, Panay, Capiz. Reception followed at Nestas Hilltop Hotel. The ceremony was officiated by Msgr. **Vicente Hilata.**



LIM-GUY

Janet Guy, daughter of **Victor** and **Katherine Guy**, exchanged vows with **Mark Wayne Lim**, son of **Wilson** and **Rosario Lim**, on April 18 at the San Agustin Church.

Leonard Co designed the bride's gown.

UY-CHUA

Albert Uy, son of **Faustino** and **Betty Uy**, will exchange marriage vows with **Nathalie Chua**, daughter of **Chua Giok Su** and **Luz Chua**, on May 9 at the Manila Metropolitan Cathedral. **Fhel Hangod** designed the bridal gown.

BRIÑES-BALMADRID

Nathaniel V. Briñes, son of the late P/Insp. **Gavino Jr.** and Dr. **Lilia Briñes**, will exchange marriage vows with **Ellaine V. Balmadrid**, daughter of **Efren** and **Evelyn Balmadrid**, on April 28, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Virac, Catanduanes.

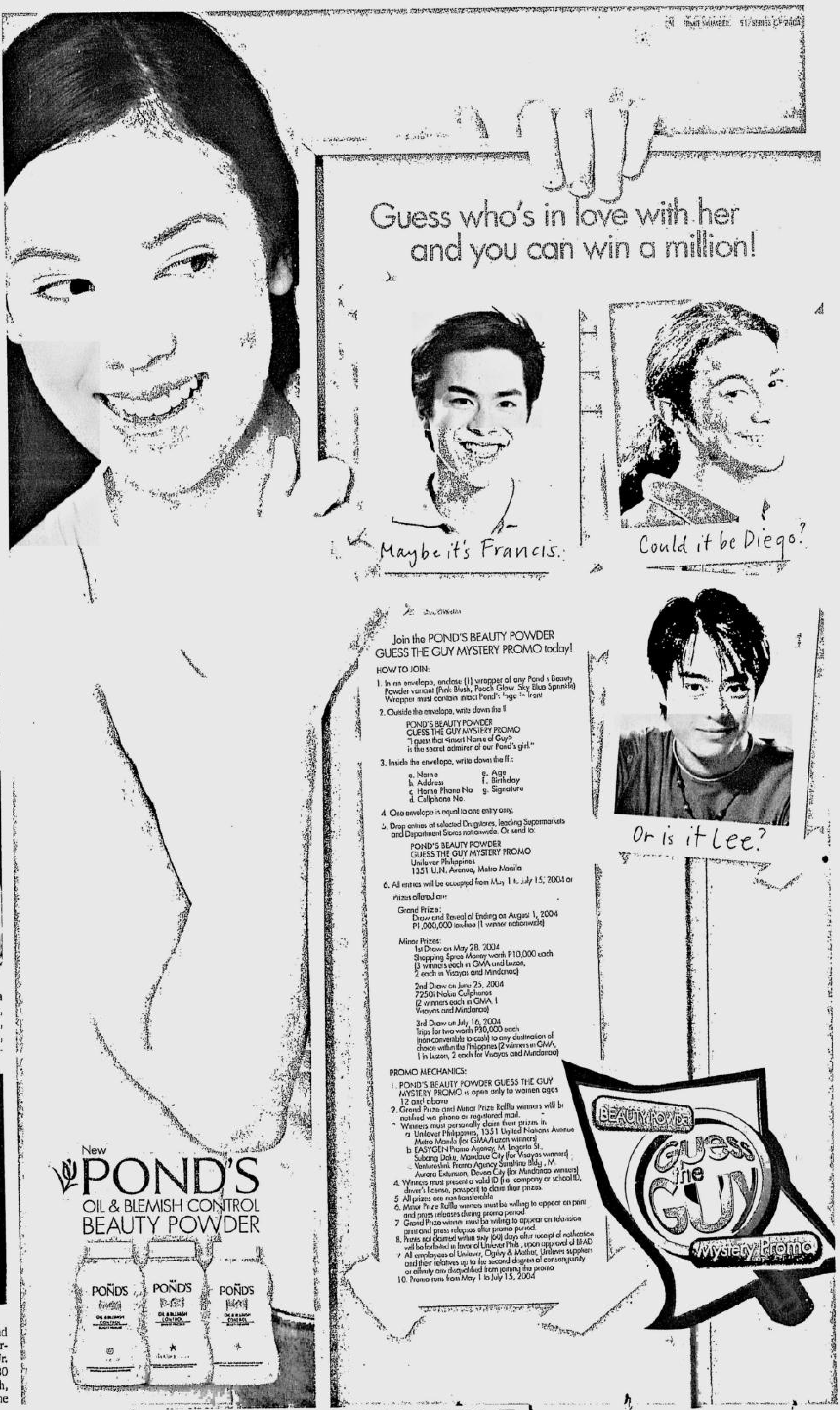
The bride will wear a princess-cut ivory duchess satin gown embellished with silver caviar beads, faux pearls and Swarovski crystals. The veil is accentuated with Austrian rhinestones designed by **Reymond Fontanoza** of Doha, Qatar. The groom will wear a monochromatic blue barong.

REYES-CARREON

Rodney E. Reyes, son of Rene and **Lorna Reyes**, will wed **Rosemarie M. Carreon**, daughter of **Jose** and **Amparo M. Carreon**, on April 30 at the St. James the Great Parish, Ayala Alabang Village. The gown was designed by **Princess**.

SUNGA-ANGELES

Vincent Paul L. Sunga, son of **Vicente** and **Agnes Sunga**, will tie the knot with **Catherine C. Angeles**, daughter of **Bienvenido Jr.** and **Emilfor Angeles** (deceased), on April 30 at the Our Lady of the Abandoned Church, Marikina City. Reception will follow at the Park Ridge Clubhouse in Antipolo City.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4. Winners must present a valid ID (i.e. company or school ID, driver's license, passport) to claim their prizes.
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INFOBOX

What are Viral Exanthems?

Children are often affected by skin disorders or rashes. When these conditions are caused by a virus, your pediatrician will say that your child has a "viral exanthem". Many viral rashes cannot be told apart, so the term "viral exanthem" is used. When an exanthem has a distinct appearance or pattern, a specific diagnosis (like chicken pox, measles) can be given.

What is Chicken Pox? How is it transmitted?

Chicken Pox is a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV), which is transmitted by direct person-to-person contact or through the air. The rash of chicken pox is unique, and usually allows for a diagnosis simply upon physical examination.

My child was exposed to a classmate with chicken pox. Will she get the disease and when do I expect the symptoms to appear?

Children who have never had the disease nor received the vaccine have a 90% chance of becoming infected once exposed. After being infected, chicken pox may take 10 to 21 days to develop.

If she does develop chicken pox, what symptoms should I expect?

Symptoms are usually mild among children, but may be life threatening to infants, adults, and people with impaired immunity. The most common symptoms of chicken pox include fever, decreased appetite, muscle / joint pains as well as cough or runny nose. These occur one to two days before itchy, blister-like rashes appear on the trunk, face, under the armpits, on the upper arms and legs. Some patients may also have blisters on the lips and in the mouth.

How long do the rashes last and how long will she be contagious?

The rashes do not all appear at the same time, so the disease will usually last one week. The disease is contagious for one to two days before the appearance of the rash and until the blisters have dried and become scabs, which usually occurs within four to five days of onset.

Are there any complications? Is there anything I can do to prevent them?

Most cases of chicken pox resolve uneventfully, but some patients develop problems like skin infections or pneumonia. For severe cases, the infection can involve the brain and spinal cord.

To prevent skin infections, children should have their nails cut short which will avoid further skin injury due to scratching. This will also prevent the appearance of scars.

What can I do to relieve the symptoms?

Treatment includes increased fluid intake to prevent dehydration, paracetamol for fever, and calamine lotion to relieve itchiness.

For children without fever, quick baths may help relieve general discomfort and decrease the possibility of skin infections.

In some cases, antiviral agents specific for chicken pox may be helpful.

Can anything be done to protect my other children?

The chicken pox vaccine can be given to unimmunized children within 3-5 days after exposure. For those who have previously been immunized, there are no current recommendations for a repeat dose.

A single dose of chicken pox vaccine should be given to all infants 12 months or older as part of their regular immunization schedule. Children above 12 years need two doses of the vaccine.

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What is Measles? How is it transmitted?

Measles is another disease that results from a viral exanthem. It is transmitted through direct contact with nose and throat discharges, as well as by air-borne droplets from an infected child. It is important to know that a child is contagious one to two days before the onset of symptoms and three to five days after the rash develops. Therefore, children may be contagious before they even know they have the disease.

How do I know if my child is developing measles? What are its signs and symptoms?

The disease usually consists of a rash, fever and cough, with symptoms developing eight to twelve days after exposure. The early phase of the disease resembles an upper respiratory infection, where the child has a dry hacking cough, fever, as well as redness and irritation of the eyes. A rash then appears after one to four days. This rash is red, flat and starts on the face, later spreading down to the trunk, arms, and legs. After three to four days, the rash will begin to clear, leaving a brownish discoloration and peeling skin.

Are there any complications?

Most cases of measles will resolve uneventfully, but some patients will have complications such as ear infections, diarrhea or pneumonia.

Is there any medication I can give to treat the disease?

Since this is a viral infection, there is no cure for rubeola. To decrease the severity of symptoms, vitamin A supplementation, increased fluids, and paracetamol can be given.

Can I do anything to protect my other children?

If your children are exposed and have never been immunized, your child's physician may give the vaccine to the child within 72 hours to help prevent the disease.

The disease can be prevented by proper immunization with the measles vaccine, which is recommended for infants at 9 months with a booster dose at 15 months. Older children and adults who were not given measles vaccine during infancy may also be given a combination measles-mumps-rubella vaccine to help prevent the disease.

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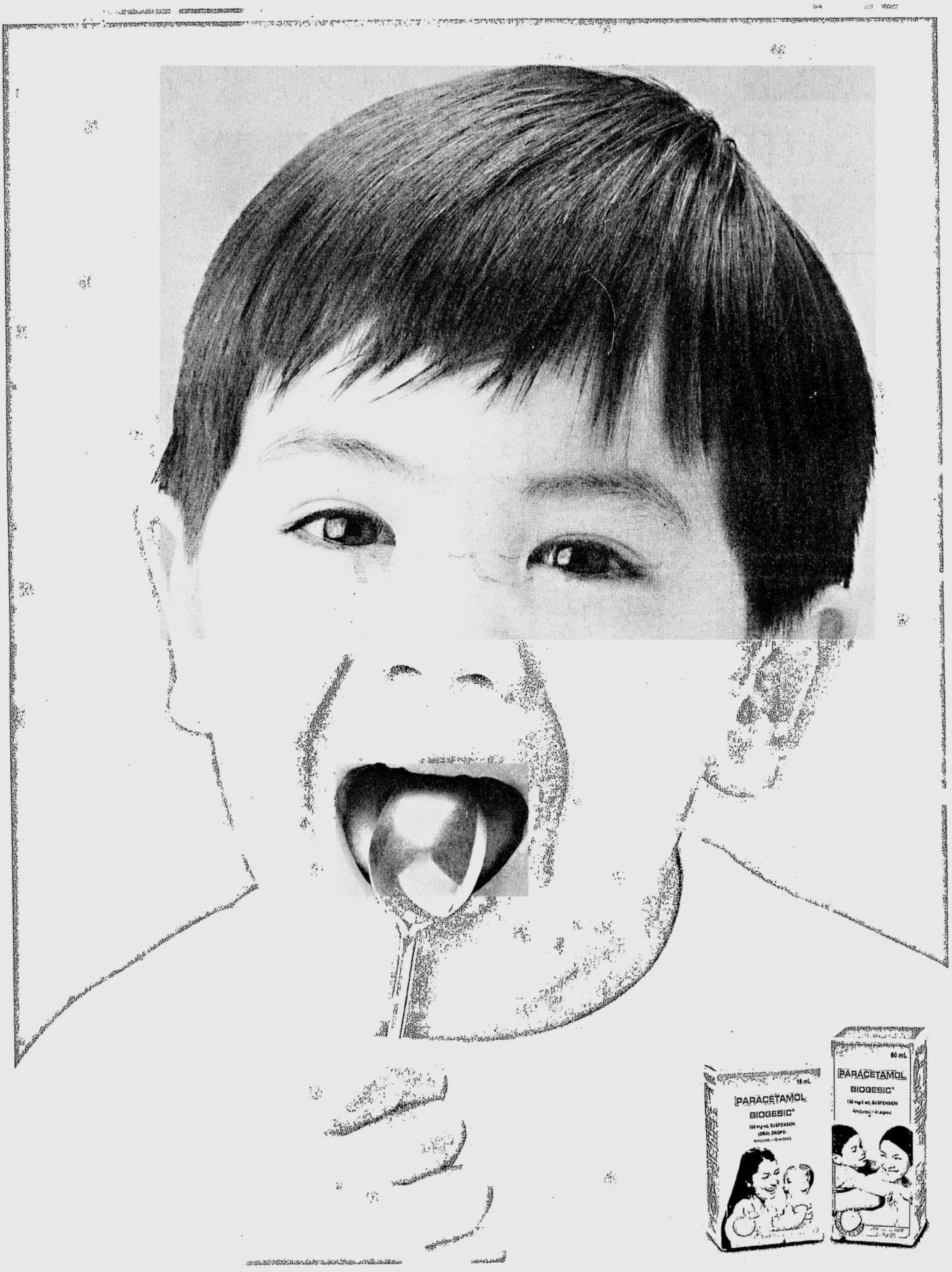
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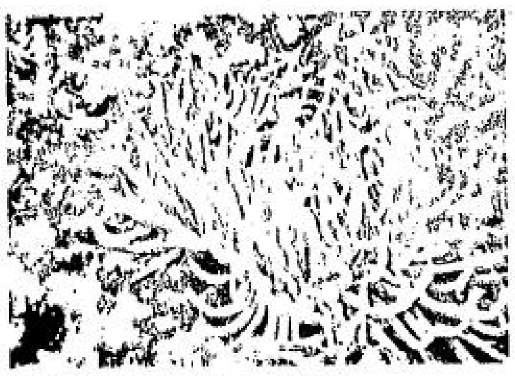

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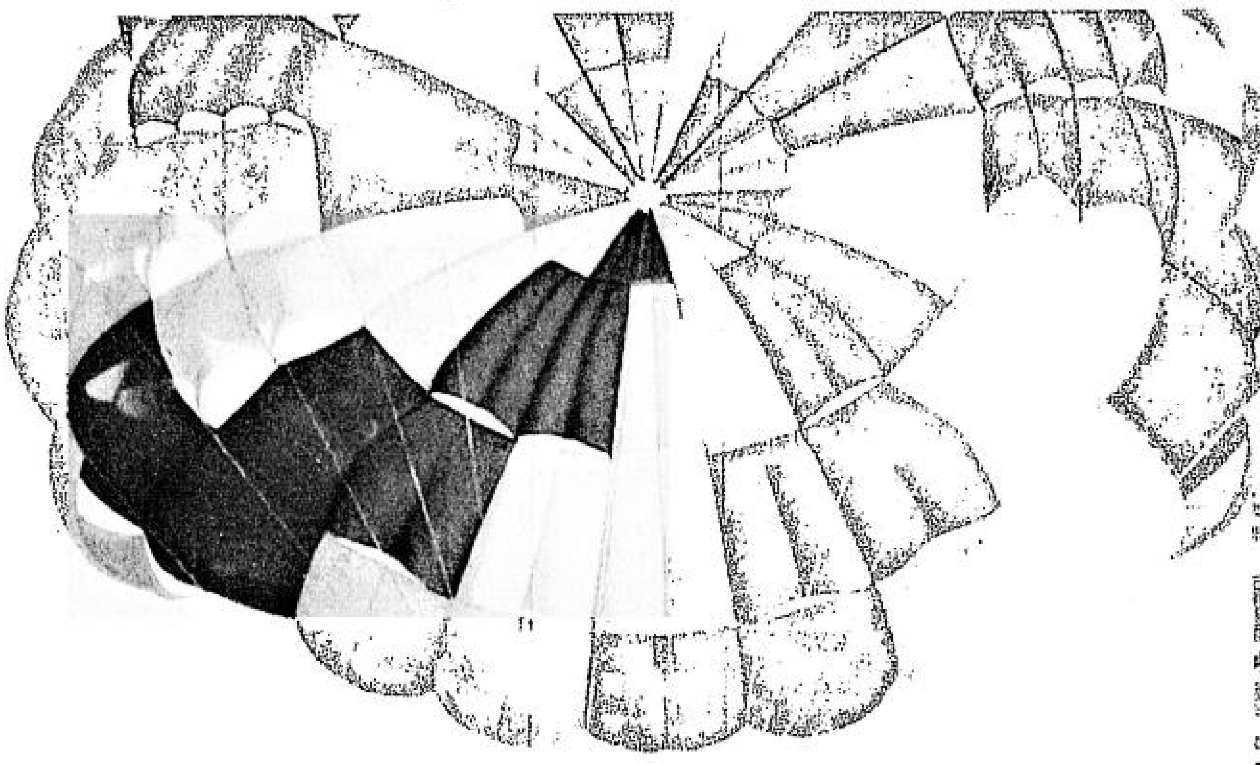
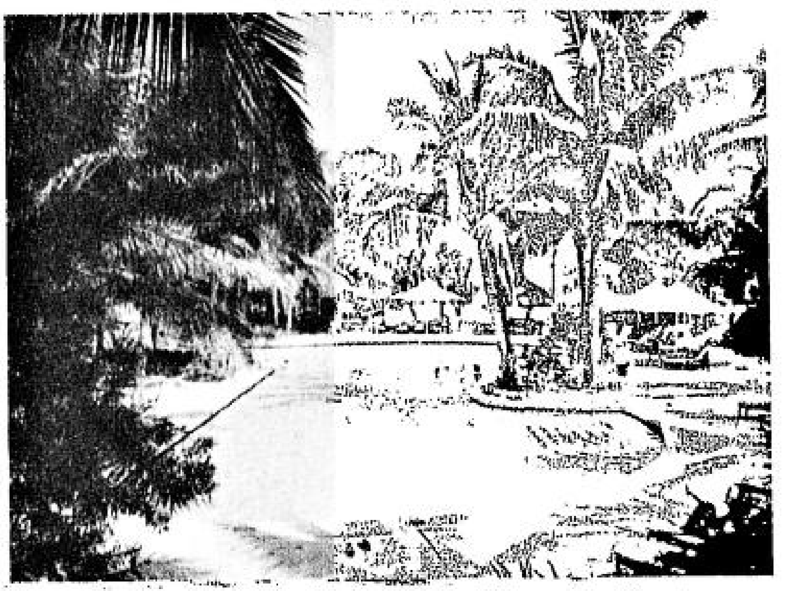


PARASAILING in Cebu, a natural high!

FRIENDS on holiday, Tessa Alindogan and Frances Yu

Summer is my princessdom!



ANOTHER beautiful day at Mactan's Island Shangri-La Resort

From page G1

Summer is also the time for new product launches, it seems. The social calendar just seems full of them! I went to one that was a truly tropical affair, when entrepreneur **Nina Malvar** launched her new line of Indonesian stone. The lush landscape and Balinese interiors of her Kartini Asia shop in BF Homes, Parañaque was highlighted with authentic Indonesian dancers. Trained from childhood in the intricacies of their national dance, the ladies are in our country to attend college.

The Balinese costumes were so intricate and colorful. I almost went home with one of the headpieces. Unfortunately, they were not for sale. The items that were for sale, such as the Hindu-inspired stone carvings, were just too heavy to take home without being noticed.

Now for a bit of a free plug: Kartini Asia will also have her natural stones and stone carvings exhibit and sale at the Palms Country Club in Alabang starting today. Her pieces can be customized and be adapted either to Balinese style, Asian style or Mediterranean motifs.

Summer fling

Would a summer be complete without a summer fling? Fling is defined by the dictionary as "a brief sexual relationship or a period of carefree enjoyment, especially before a more serious or worried period."

Well, that's a perfect description of my last weekend, spent under the sea and sky of Cebu. My lucky husband **Dennis** won two PAL business class tickets and a weekend stay at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort during the HSBC Mabuhay Miles event earlier this year. To think that he was just there to represent me as I had a previous engagement and he won the second prize in the process. He and Kit Zobel must have lucky genes. To be precise, maybe they are both lucky in love! (Not with each other, of course!)

We were like honeymooners and never left the resort. He actually flew in to Cebu ahead of me because of the Children's Hour anniversary party, held at the City Sports Club and graced with the country's top generous executives like **Jaime Augusto Zobel, Chu-chu Madrigal** and Cebuano **Bernie Liu** who also owns Penshoppe. I followed on the dinner flight just to enjoy this "Island off the Pacific," as Cebu is known abroad.

Thrill

I still get a thrill when the friendly stewardesses of PAL recognize me. It's great that PAL now flies mostly on time and the service is still efficient. I felt so pampered for the short, one-hour trip.

If you want to feel good about our country, think of all the new launches and forms of business investment I've just mentioned above. But nothing tops this. Over the past two years, the Shangri-La Resort has spent over $16 million on improvements. Wow! That's almost a billion pesos! The refurbishments are so good, I didn't even recognize the rooms!

Delightful GM **Desmond Hatton** told us over lunch at the Shang Palace about his up coming Chi Spa project, which will be the largest spa in Asia when it is launched later this year. From the plans of individual treatment cottages sprawling over an Asian-inspired landscape, the new spa will be an exciting new feature ... in the whole Asean!

It was so encouraging to see the resort full of tourists from Korea and Europe. The Philippines truly has hope. We really have our natural beaches to be proud of, even if it is only in Dream Bar for one night. Even world-famous Boracay has been packed with local and foreign tourists.

For the first time, Dennis and I tried parasailing. It was a tandem ride launched off a speedboat with a giant parachute. My best friend from high school, **Tessa Alindogan**, invited us to experience it after she went up with Shopwise executive on holiday, **Frances Yu**. It was exhilarating. The view of the island was breathtaking. The day before, we saw the underwater scene of the island. We scuba dived Hilutungan Island, a small marine sanctuary off Mactan.

Isn't summer great? Diets, hot days, cool parties, beaches, launches and top all that off with a little dash of hope. Perfect!

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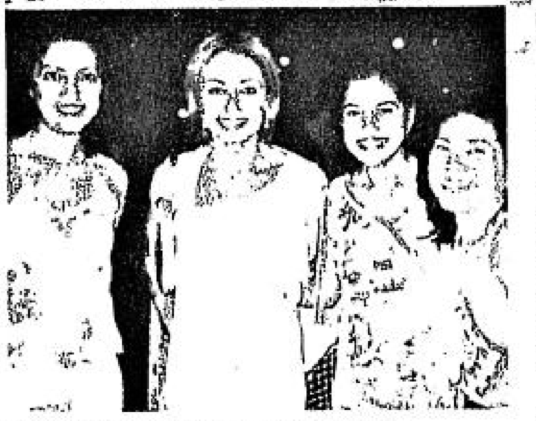

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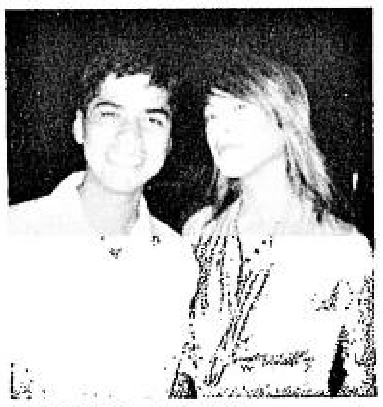

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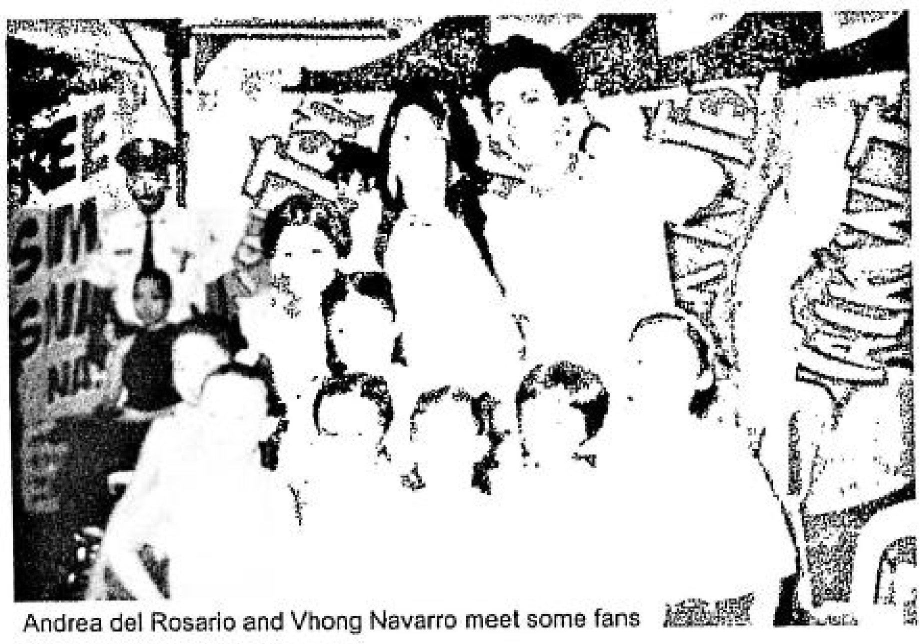

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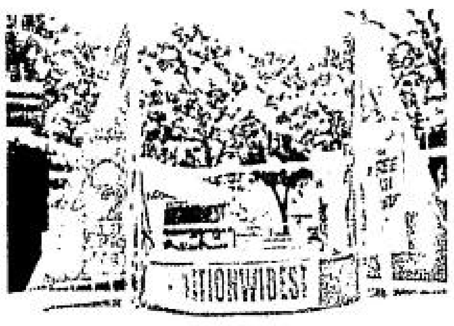

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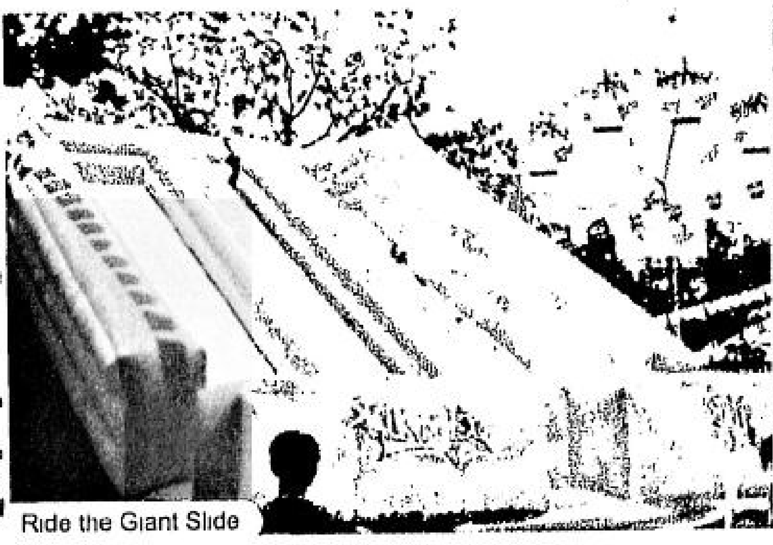

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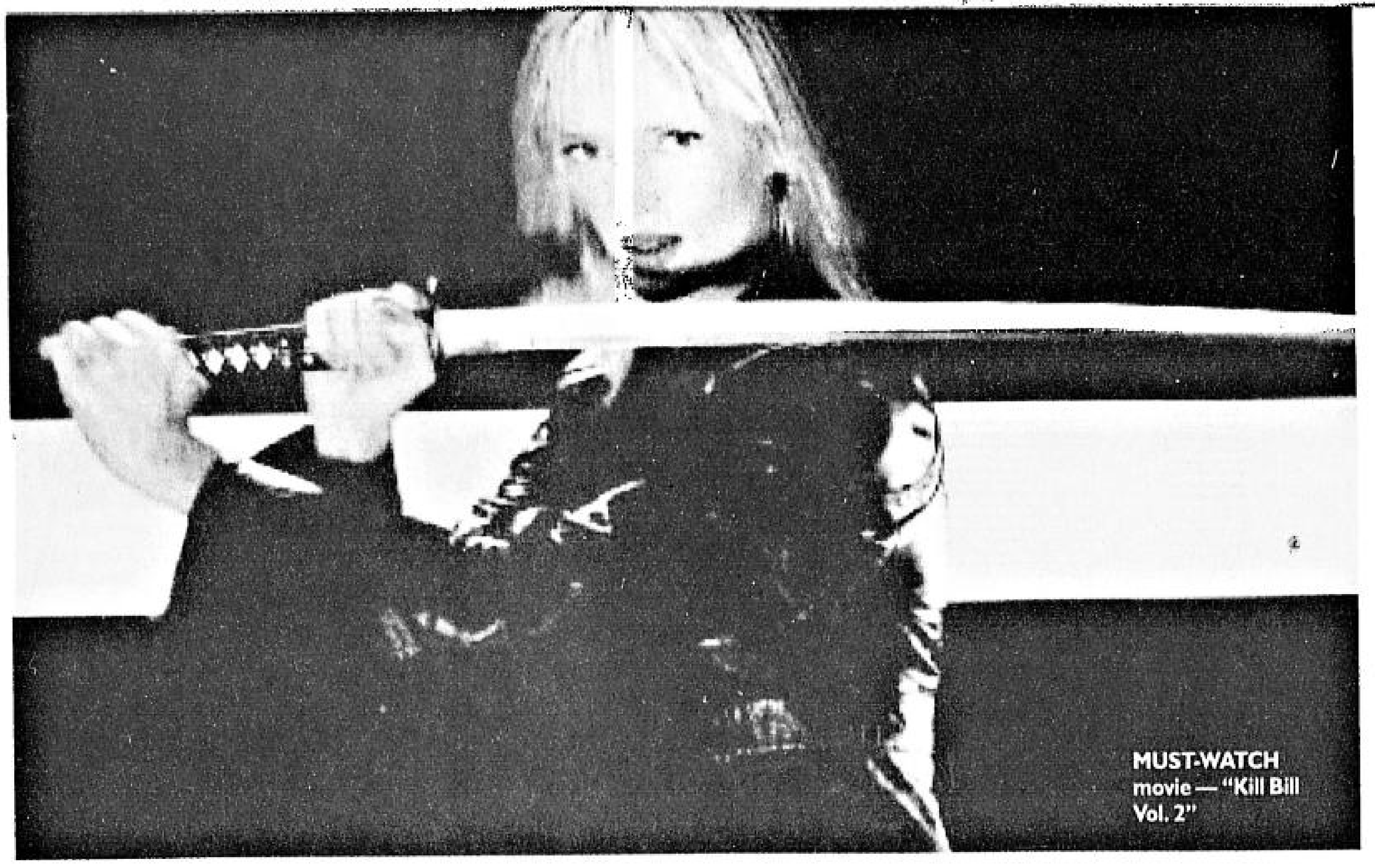
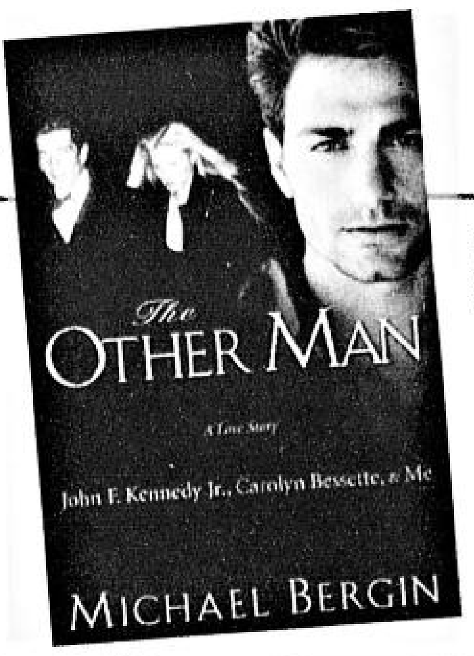


MUST-WATCH movie—"Kill Bill Vol. 2"



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Of Hermes' Birkin, Carolyn's Bergin, Tarantino's gore and Mandy's mores

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

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HOT LOOK—Long strand and double loop necklaces. Inspired by the flapper years (think: the '20s), these fashion whammies are major statements and scene stealers in any function or event. Necklaces come in long strands of pearls or bright beads and can be worn with dresses, low necklines or suits. In any manner, you will look like a fashion Moses, able to part the red carpet with your arresting look.

Fashion handbag for criminals—the Hermes Birkin Bag? According to the New York Times, the Hermes Birkin bag, the most coveted bag in the world with a US$6,000-80,000 price range and a waiting period of at least a year, is the favorite handbag of convicted "fashion" criminals like **Martha Stewart** and rapper **L'il Kim**. They were seen carrying the famous bag in and out of the courthouse. Stewart has filed for a new trial because during her trial jury members discussed the price of her Birkin bag which she argues might have introduced bias in the jury's decision to convict her. The Times, saying that the women wear the bag like a talisman, gave them a "quiet verdict: classy."

Meanwhile, writer **James Twitchell** called the Birkin—a snobject—"an item that... instantly and loudly categorizes the owner. The bag is not subtle anymore... It's in your face, up-your-nose fashion."

Hermes celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Birkin bag this year. It has designed a smaller Birkin in crocodile that will be available in four colors. Fittings are in white/yellow gold and embellished in diamonds.

Must-watch movie—"Kill Bill 2." It has slashed the competition and topped the US box office this week with a whopping US$ 25.6 M opening. **Quentin Tarantino**'s violent opus has become a cult phenomenon, much like the "Matrix" and "LOTR" trilogies. In the sequel, the Bride (**Uma Thurman**) is down to her last three adversaries: Elle Driver, Budd and, of course, Bill. This is a fascinating movie filled with thrills and spills (blood) and an exciting joy ride into the warped and creative world of Tarantino.

Trashy and juicy tell-all book—"The Other Man." Out in the US market is the latest book on the Kennedy family saga, this time about **Carolyn Bessette Kennedy** written by model and "Baywatch" hunk **Michael Bergin**. It's a tell-all book about their love affair prior to Bessette getting married to **John F. Kennedy Jr.** and later.

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FASHION NOW. Long-strand and double-loop necklaces as seen on Nicole Kidman (above) and Kylie Minogue

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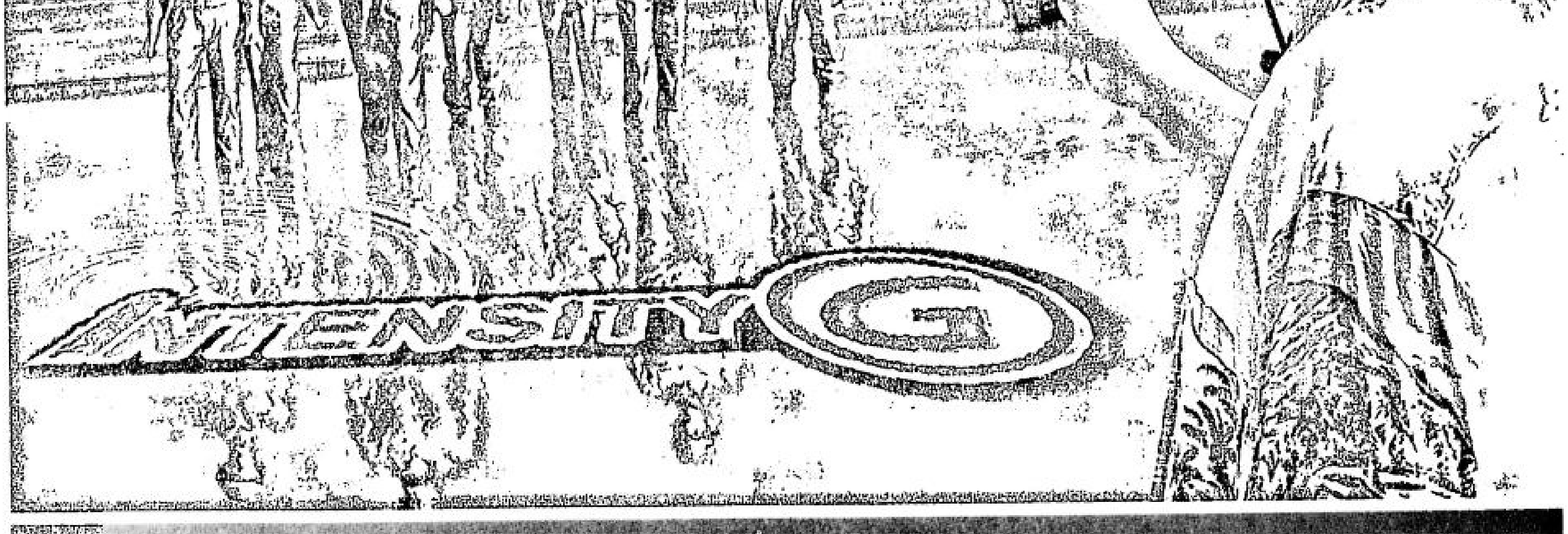

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Barangay builds pastoral center

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IN BARANGAY Paltok in San Francisco del Monte (SFDM), QC, a community of 20,000 people, Fr. Raymond Arre, parish priest of the Resurrection of Our Lord church, has started to build a three-story Pastoral Formation Center.

Father Raymond was inspired by a donation of P200 from a gardener.

The center's first level was finished before the fiesta on April 11. During the Mass celebrated by Bishop Honesto Ongtioco at 8 a.m., it was announced that the community was able to raise P882,000, which will pay for the second story of the building, by selling tickets for the Reyna ng Resurrection contest. Crowned Reyna ng Resurrection was Olga Manlapaz.

Bishop Ongtioco encouraged the community to trust in Divine Providence and to go on helping. "Your church is a symbol of your goodness, your good hearts," he said.

The parish is also asking non-parishioners for help. Call 3742390 or write Rev. Fr.
Raymond Arre at the Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, Basa St., Barangay Paltok, SFDM, Quezon City. Ballroom dancing will be held May 22 in Isadora Hills, QC, to raise more funds. Tickets are P350 each. Call the same number above to buy tickets.

It is inspiring to meet men and women in the parish who help in every way like Teofista Anos, who hosted a dinner for the "12 Apostles" and the parish priest after the Maundy Thursday rites; Dolly Basa, president of Temporalities; June Bergman and Florie Dacungan of the Mother Butlers Guild; Sally Chua, a St. Theresa's grade school teacher in charge of the education committee; and lawyer Felimon Fernandez, president of the Pastoral Council.

Thanks to Dr. Elena Sacdalan for her hospitality and Pol Capistrano for doing a beautiful "altar of repose" on Maundy Thursday.

BISHOP Honesto Ongtiongco (left) with Fr. Raymond Arre and members of the religious organization of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish

Parish history

The Our Lord of the Resurrection Parish began as a small chapel ran by the Franciscans who administered San Pedro Bautista Parish nearby. In 1975, the chapel became a parish church. The people helped by buying one square meter of space at P300, according to Miling Baltazar who has lived in the area since 1945.

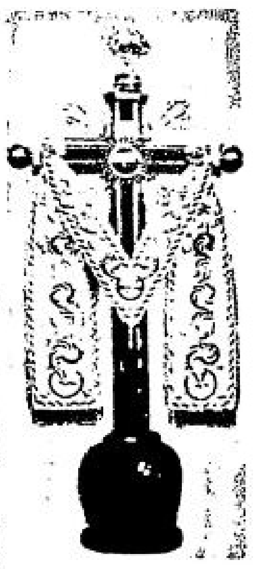
Fr. Edgar Merin began construction of a new church. Later, Fr. Cesar Macariola expanded the area, adding two imposing posts in the altar framing the more than life-size image of the Risen Lord.

Holy Cross feast

Bauan, Batangas is preparing for the feast of the Holy Cross on May 3. This year's *hermana mayor* is Dr. Yollie Balmes, who took over the chairmanship after her husband's passing.

On the morning of April 22, the Paligo—the bathing of the wooden cross in water and the polishing of its silver and gold cladding—was held at the beach house of Dr. Balmes. The solemn ritual drew local devotees and pilgrims. The bath water, which is poured into small flasks and bottles, and the cotton swabs used to dry the cross were distributed to people who believe in their powers to heal and bring good fortune.

The Paligo marks the first day of the novena and the first performance of the *subli*, a dance of worship and thanksgiving, at the entrance of the church. The *subli*, unique to Batangas, is danced by senior citizens and youngsters.



ANG MAHAL na Poong Sta. Krus

On the morning of May 2, the twin Crosses of Bauan and Alitagtag, on colorful floats, will have a Salubong at the junction of the two towns.

May 3, the fiesta itself, will feature the procession in the evening of the Poon, accompanied by a May time *sagala*. It will culminate with the Te Deum in the church and fireworks in the plaza.

Manaoag fiesta

The fiesta of Our Lady of Manaoag in Pangasinan will be marked on the third Wednesday after Easter Sunday, April 28.

Karakol fest

The Sto. Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel of Naic, Cavite, celebrates its 15th Annual Karakol Festival on May 1.

Hosts of the event are lawyer Romeo R. Echauz and wife Dr. Lourdes Talag-Echauz, founders/owners of the Filipinas Paradise Complex on Governor Drive, Brgy. Sabang, Naic.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. by the Most Rev. Bishop Manuel Sobrevinas, with Msgr. Jaime Mora and Rev. Frs. Nonilon Tibayan, George Morales, Inocencio Poblete Jr., Nestor Abad, Ricardo Salazar and Armando Manaog as concelebrants.

First Saturday devotion

Devotees will fill the beautiful chapel of Our Mother of the Eucharist and Grace in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, at 9 a.m., May 1, to hear first Saturday Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Rodel Ponce.

'Sunduan'

The Sunduan, highlight of the feast of San Nicolas de Tolentino, patron saint of Barangay La Huerta, Parañaque City, will be held 2 p.m., May 2. This year's *hermanos* and *hermanas* are the Tomas family: Primitivo, Bonifacio and Fabiola, Estelita vda. de dela Isla, Angel and Marietta, Maria and Antonio, Rufino and Maria, Carmen and Rolly, Teresita and Tony.

This year, about 80 lovely ladies and their escorts will join the parade. Teresita Jose heads the *comite de festejos*.

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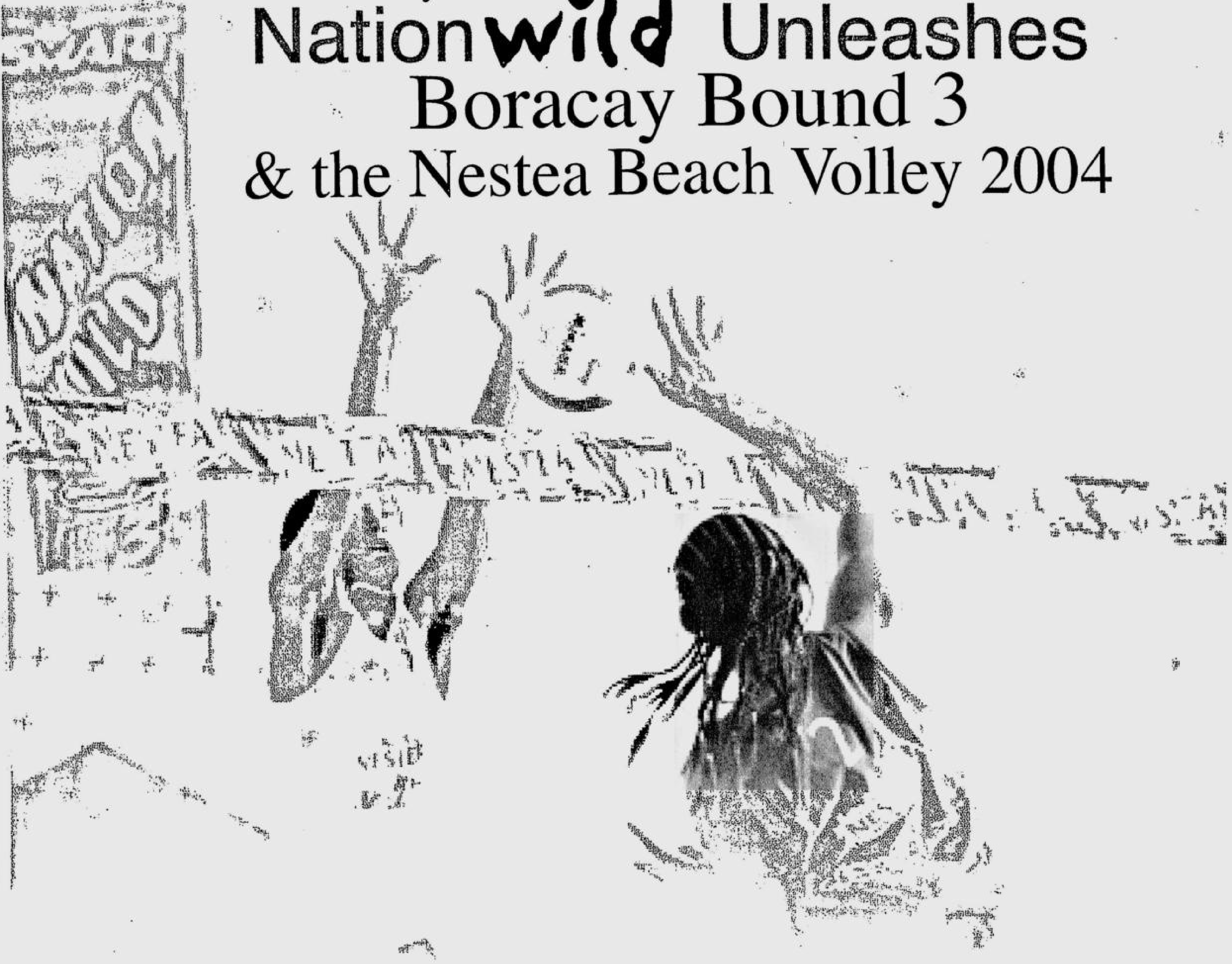

There's no stopping the SMART's Nationwild campaign as it continues to roar through the summer, once again rolling into the powder sands of Boracay. SMART Buddy beat the heat as the official telecom partner of the NESTEA Beach Volley finals that was played on April 15-18. University teams from around the country battled on the beach until it came down to two, and then the one winner. Southwestern University's Florian Guitierrez and Marites Natad took the women's crown, while University of San Jose-Recoletos' Michael Simbajon and Jonrey Sasing took the men's crown. A celebrity tournament was ongoing in between the hot university rivalry. The celebrity tournament was won by Team Plunge's Marc Nelson, Dyan Castillejo, Rich Herrera, Tim Yap, Robbie Carmona, and Celine de Niendre. Watch the action on RPN 9 on May 1st at 9pm.

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Some of the lucky SMART subscribers who won free trips to Boracay

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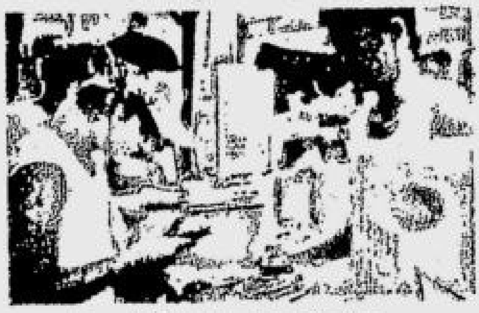
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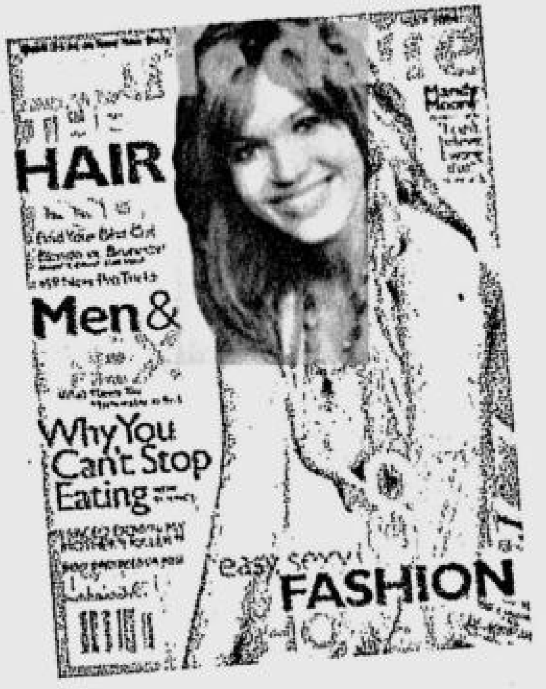

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I guess to some people, this does not amount to a hill of beans but to me, she's a waste of radio, magazine and MTV space!

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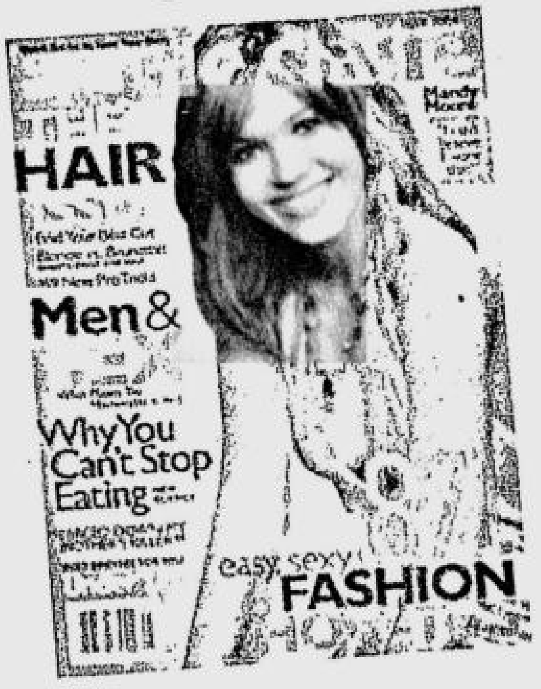

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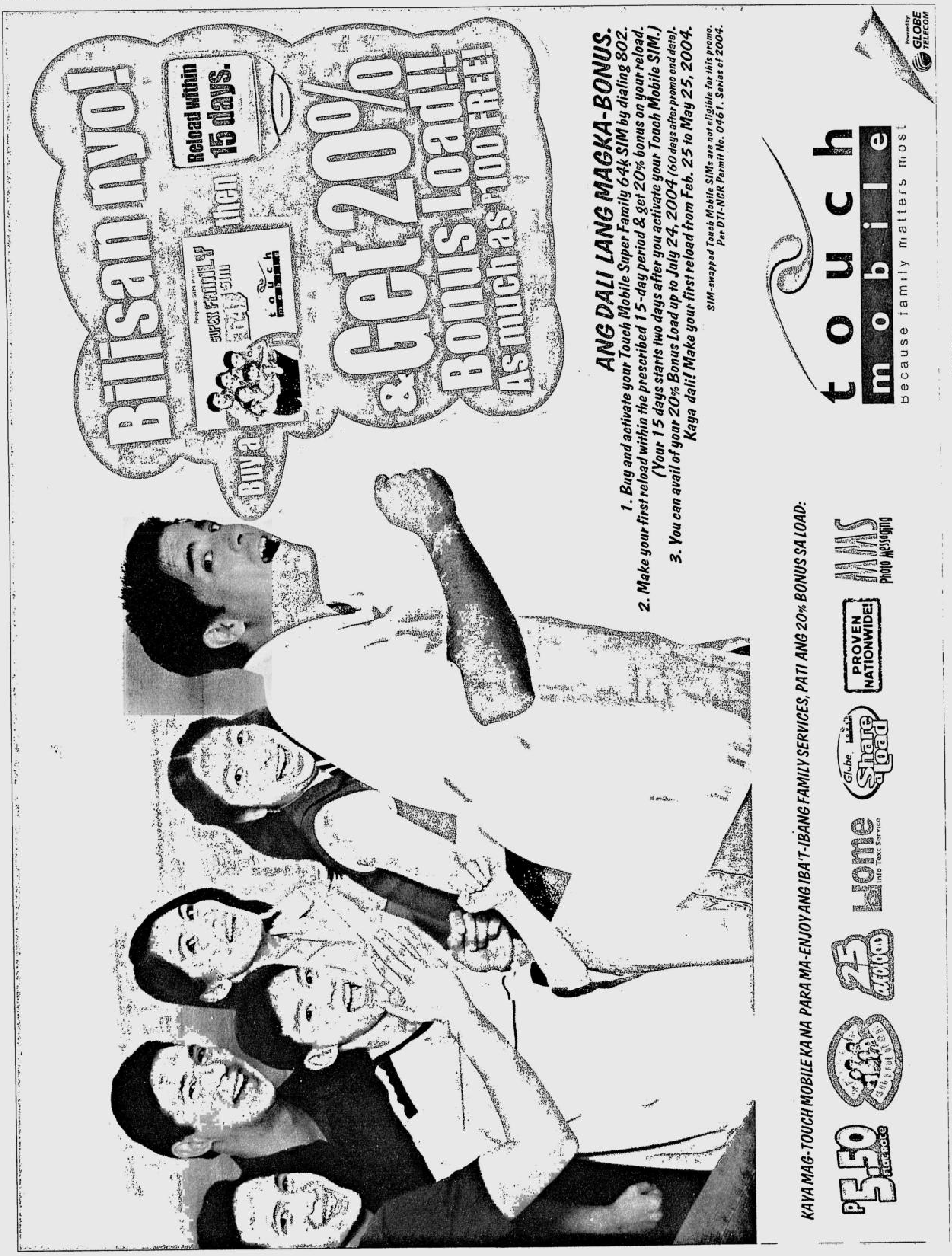
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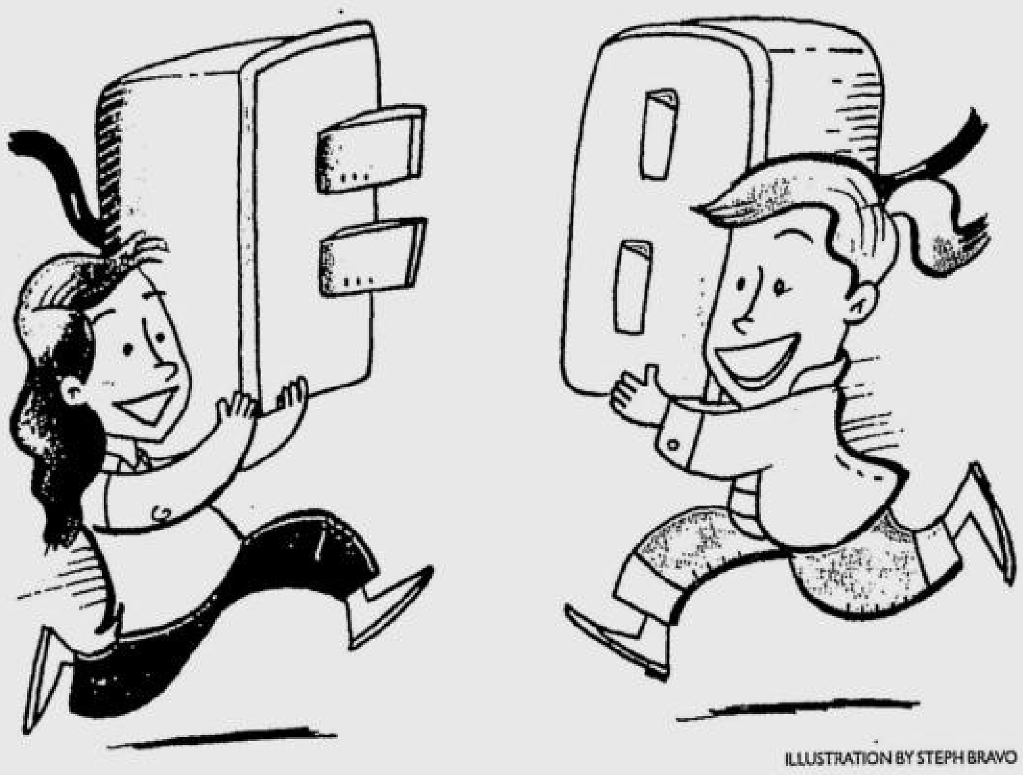
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Synchronicity: Catching a connection

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

THE OLDER word for it is "serendipity," coined by Horace Walpole to refer to discoveries made by chance.

Today the concept is back in fashion as "synchronicity"—first popularized in James Redfield's "The Celestine Prophecy" and subsequently in Neale Donald Walsch's "Conversations with God." Although the element of surprise is still there, in synchronicity it is not so much a coincidence as a natural result of being aligned with the universe (or God).

Need of the moment

Synchronicity answers a need of the moment, and the more aware one is of it, the oftener it manifests in one's life. Your question or problem is answered by a passing billboard, a song on the radio, a snatch of conversation. An accidental meeting may be the beginning of a romance, the landing of a contract or the discovery of a business opportunity.

It could be the coincidental occurrence of the same idea in two people in different continents. Such as, my couturier friend Steve L. made a costume for a fashion show in 1995 virtually the same as the one designed by Alexander McQueen which appeared in 2000 on the cover of a French magazine. (So who copied from whom?).

A very common synchronicity is a phone call from a person whom one has been thinking much about lately. Once I phoned an 87-year-old colleague of my departed father for some information I needed on my dad, hoping she'd still remember me.

"Of course I do," she said. "When you called I was just reviewing a piece I had written on your father to submit to a special project."

Often when there's an appointment I can't keep I don't have to cancel. Something inevitably comes up for the person I'm meeting with! Like I wanted so much to attend Isa D.'s wedding in Pakil, but couldn't tell my husband because we had already set a lunch on that date in Tagaytay with his gang. But then one of them phoned asking for a postponement. He had to be *ninong* at a wedding and could not refuse!

Even if the need is as banal as where did I read such-and-such information, the book may just drop on your lap. Of course the important thing is that your lap must be there at the right moment to drop on.

Celestial droppings

So what does one do to be in synch with God's will? Simply to try one's best to be the best human being there is. The trying is what counts. People who try inevitably get into the path of celestial droppings.

I have a friend named Bumbee R. who is much involved in the care of senile and infirm parish priests in a needy home for the aged religious. One day, Bumbee asked me to contribute adult disposable diapers that they sorely needed, but I had very little money at the time and I told him so.

That very same afternoon when I took my granddaughter to Sensei Beauty Salon, Marissa M. (whom I hadn't seen in ages) breezed in. After the ritual *besos* she said, "Does anyone in your family need adult diapers?" My jaw dropped. I knew she had a teenage son who had been in coma for several years whom she was caring for at home.

"You see," Marissa said, "I found a new type of diapers for my son, but I still have several boxes of the old style left"!

Eagerly I told her about Bumbee's wards and asked Marisa if she would allow him to phone her. They arranged to meet, and the sick old priests got their nappies. I felt like a very efficient telephone wire.

Another experience of synchronicity came when my theater partner Manny C. and I were working on a book for Bench. Manny despotically declared that we needed a *batya* to make one picture authentic. And not an ordinary plastic basin, mind you, but a retired metal model with corrugated sides like a giant *tansan*.

Everybody had some suggestion on where to go find one. In Cavite City on market day, someone saw a *batya*. The *walis tingting* section of Masinag market, Antipolo, another said, once carried those antediluvian objects. What a hopeless quest!

Soon after, as my car was driving out of our gate, what do I spot on Letty C.'s sidewalk right across the street from my house? Yes, galvanized iron *batya* with corrugated sides, ready for the garbage truck to pick up. (They had just cleaned out their *bodega*).

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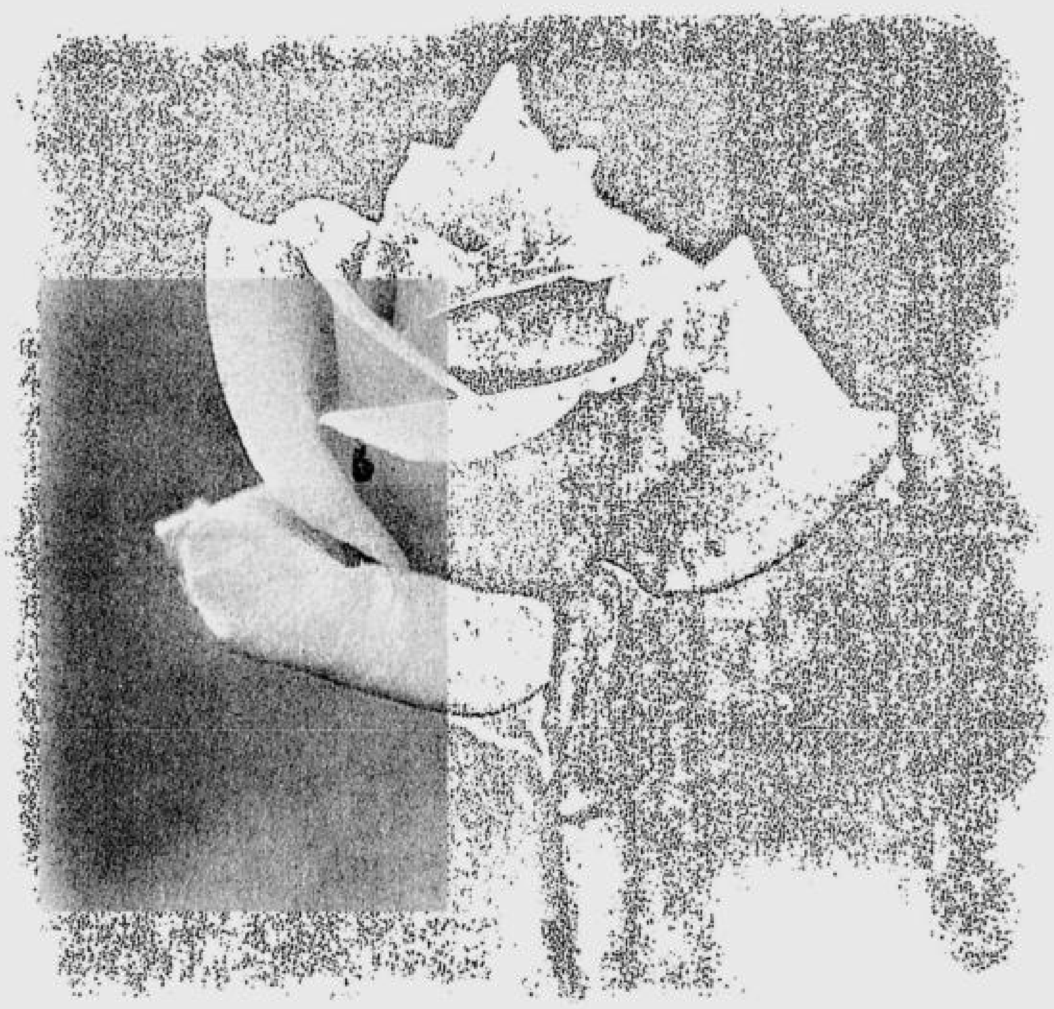
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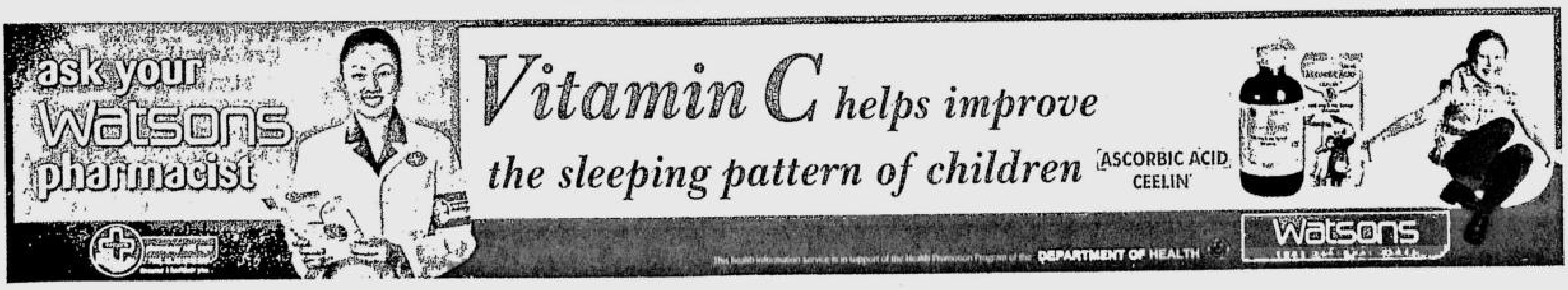

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I couldn't believe my eyes! I told the driver to back up and get to Letty's *batya* before the pushcart moving toward us beat me to it.

On another occasion, years back, when we were rehearsing "Jamming on an Old Saya" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, we realized that Oya, the lead model, needed a floor-length half-slip for her pink 1920s *terno*. To match the *saya*, it too, had to be antique. Three days before opening night, where, oh where, to locate such an elusive undergarment!

On dress rehearsal day, in sailed our marketing manager, Ning, waving a lacy *nagwas* (antique, long half-slip). "My mother-in-law insisted that I give this to you," Ning said apologetically, "Just in case we needed it *daw*. Sorry it's so old."

Needless to say, Oya wore the beautiful *nagwas* on opening night. Somebody up there is always making things easier for us by dropping clues everywhere. We only have to connect the dots.

Material concerns

Synchronicity happens to everyone, but people deeply rooted in material concerns will be oblivious to, or even belittle these connections and hence not benefit from them. I think the more we are conscious of synchronicities and say "Thank you," the oftener they come.

Several years ago a fellow in his 30s, a stranger, came to our house to buy one of our books. Normally I don't go out of my way to entertain customers who stray to the publisher's house, but the fellow caught me emerging from the bedroom in graceless duster and curlers.

"Are you Mrs. Fernando?" he asked. I couldn't very well back off. I'll give him five minutes, I thought, anyway he looks like a decent fellow.

We sat in the *sala*. He told me he had a heart operation and this was the first time he had ventured out of the house in five months. He had taken a jeepney to look for my address (which was in the book) because he wanted a copy for his aunt in the US.

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We got into deep heart talk, mostly about spiritual things. After a while he asked, "Ma'am, do you believe in angels?" "Why do you ask?" I said. "Because I think I saw one." "Where?" I asked. "In the operating room," he said, "while my heart was open."

"If you saw an angel, then it exists," I said. Later he said, "My fellow patients in the recovery room didn't see the angel. One said he saw a black creature, with a tail."

The young man stayed for over an hour. He was anxious about getting a job because of his health and he told me that, too. When it was time to go, I gave him a warm hug and wished him well. Halfway down the driveway he retraced his steps. "Can I have another hug?" he asked. I embraced him again.

I felt the young man had found his way to my door because he needed a hug, not a book. His feet had led him where he knew he could get it.

I forgot all about the young fellow. Until a year later when I bumped into him in a Bench concert. He was covering the show because he was now a columnist and illustrator of the Philippine Star. He said, "I'm Eric Catipon, do you remember me?"

I was very happy to see him. He said that was a memorable morning for him in my house and he couldn't forget it. I told him I couldn't either.

I never saw Eric again because some months later he went to Sagada on an assignment and dropped dead of a heart attack.

Rotten luck

Synchronicity may very well be working to save us from disaster, in what seems, in the beginning, to be sheer rotten luck. Once, a longtime helper of ours named Pipa had a Norwegian pen-pal who asked her to marry him. He was a cab driver, which seemed like a really good occupation. He was in his 50s. Pipa was 36, a single mother. Thinking we would probably not approve of the blind match, she negotiated for a passport herself.

With our blessings, she left on Christmas Eve. At Customs, however, her passport, gotten through an intermediary, turned out to be fake. She couldn't leave the Philippines. It was really tragic, but imagine if Pipa had been detained in Singapore!

Anyway, six months later, the fellow decided to come to Manila for a vacation and incidentally to meet Pipa. She had ample time to know the foreigner. It soon became obvious that what he really wanted was a domestic, not a wife. Pipa began to see his flaws. She didn't like his character and swore not to have anything to do with him ever.

I do not know what Pipa's destiny is, but she was certainly saved from marrying the wrong guy.

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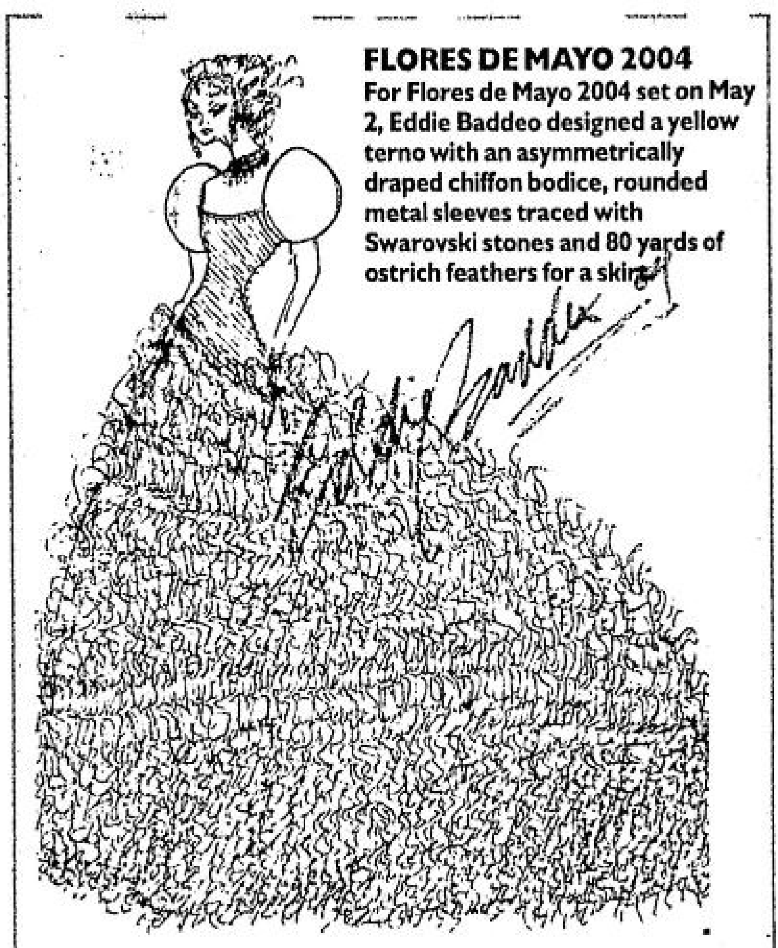

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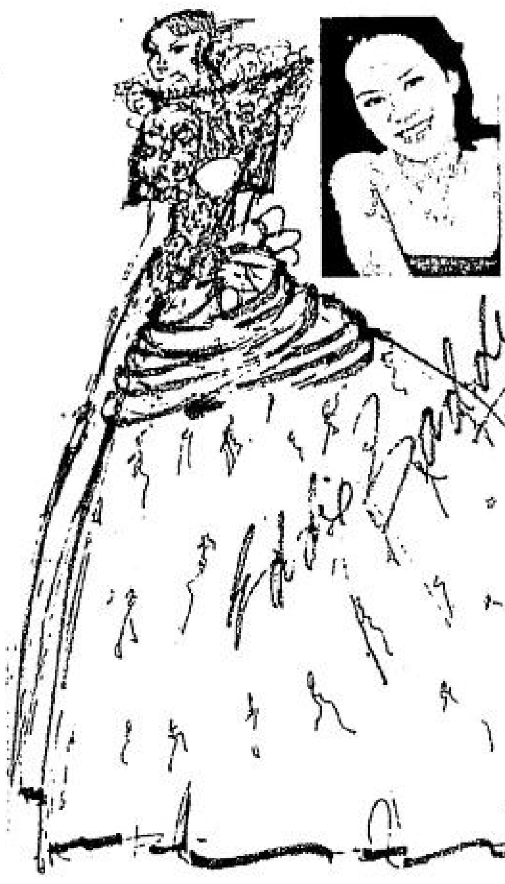
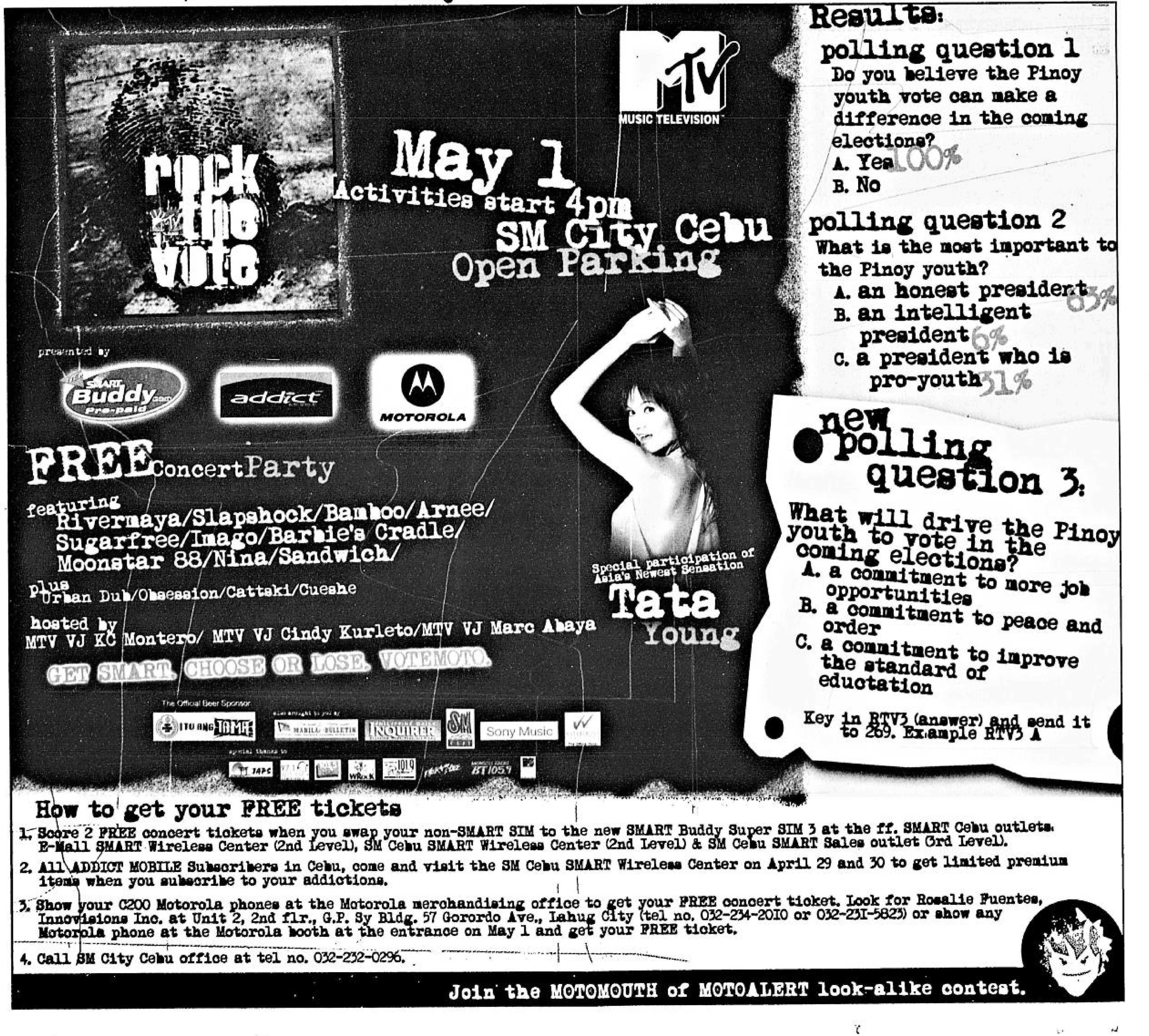


JESEL Lising Go, daughter of skincare expert Ellen Lising, will be the muse at the 48th Cariñosa annual reception and ball on April 30, at the plaza of Concepcion, Tarlac. Escorted by Myron Quizon, she will wear a terno with a cape collar adorned with ostrich feathers and a bodice covered with caviar beads. The gown by Eddie Baddeo has a double bias skirt with a detachable bustle train.



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Rusty Lopez's footwear was transformed into exotic Persian-inspired crystal-encrusted elongated slippers and dainty sandals. Bon Ace's jewelry pulsated with a tribal-inspired energy, a torso-hugging brace ending in crystal-laden filaments in front of the body.

Larone Crafts Inc.'s crocheted bags (crochet being another upcoming international fashion trend) glinted with crystal inspired by Poetic Light, a subtle sprinkling of crystal for a hide-and-seek retinal play.

In support of this collaboration, Swarovski also came out with a handsome catalog conceptualized by well-known stylist Michael Salientes and graphic designer Yodel Pe, with photography by Steve Tirona, featuring Coster's interpretations of the crystal trends.

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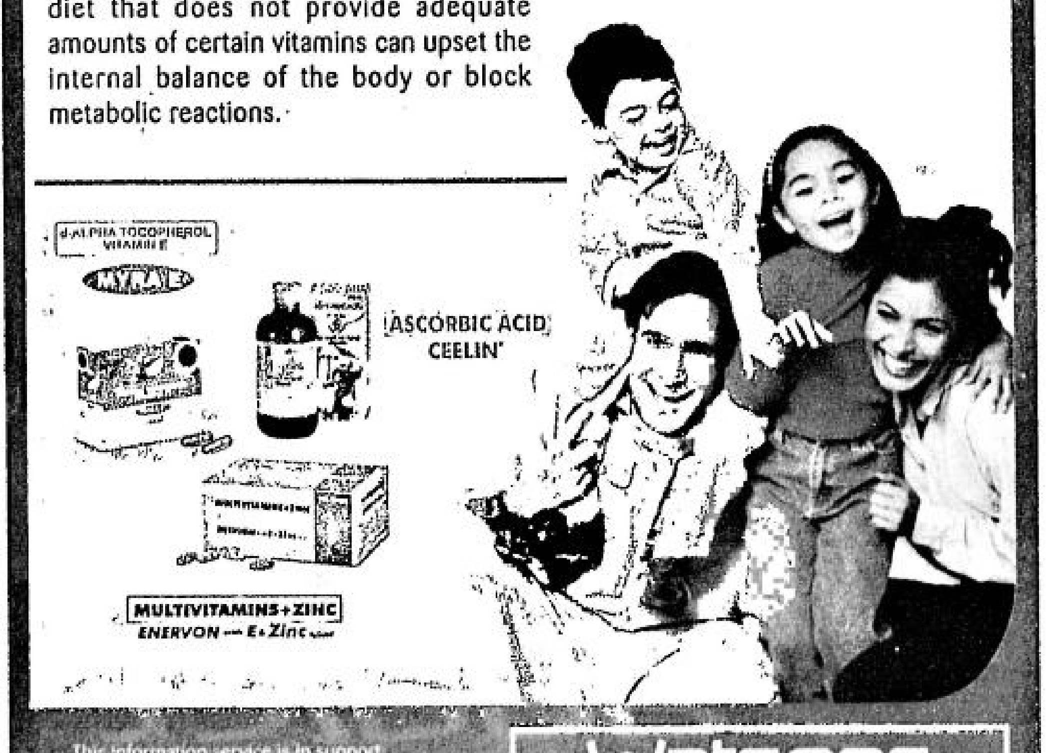

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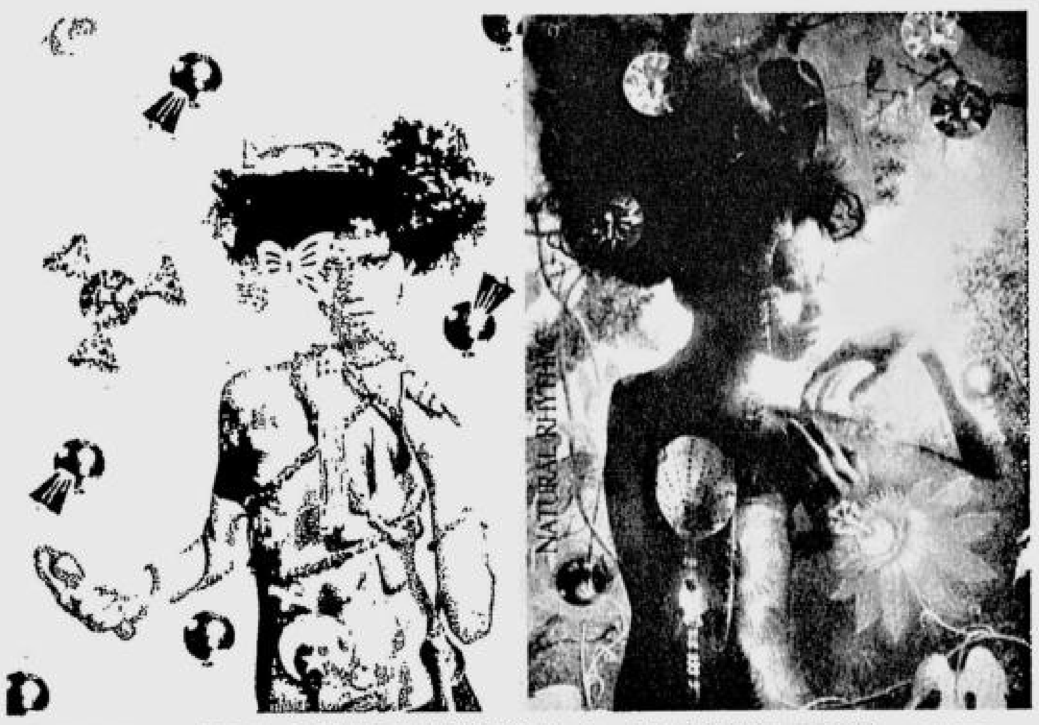
Coster interpreted Swarovski's crystal trends for Spring-Summer 2005—Land of Illusion, Tribal Energy, Natural Rhythm, Poetic Light and Cool Sophistication—with a playful bent, imbuing each manufacturer's product with a combination of whimsy, poetry and palpable energy.

Rusty Lopez's footwear was transformed into exotic Persian-inspired crystal-encrusted elongated slippers and dainty sandals. Bon Ace's jewelry pulsated with a tribal-inspired energy, a torso-hugging brace ending in crystal-laden filaments in front of the body.

Larone Crafts Inc.'s crocheted bags (crochet being another upcoming international fashion trend) glinted with crystal inspired by Poetic Light, a subtle sprinkling of crystal for a hide-and-seek retinal play.

In support of this collaboration, Swarovski also came out with a handsome catalog conceptualized by well-known stylist Michael Salientes and graphic designer Yodel Pe, with photography by Steve Tirona, featuring Coster's interpretations of the crystal trends.

Another major project by Swarovski Philippines is set for June 30, when it will unveil its Spring-Summer 2005 fashion forecast with a fashion show at the NBC Tent, The Fort, Global City, featuring the creations of hot designers Jojie Lloren, Patrice Ramos-Diaz and Joey Samson.



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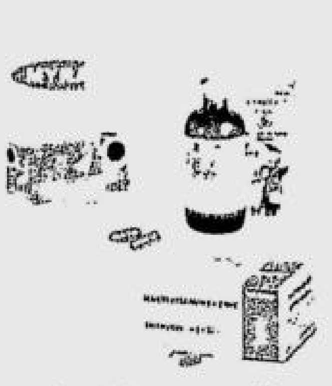

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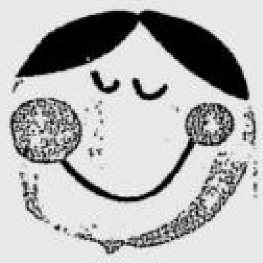

TEACHERS from Paaralang Sentral Elementarya ng Batobato, San Isidro, Davao Oriental, thank SM Foundation's Cristy Angeles for the thousands of books they have received through the Donate A Book project.

Call for book donations

UNTIL May 14, SM is inviting shoppers to participate in its annual Donate a Book campaign. The project is in cooperation with the Department of Education, Catholic Association of the Philippines, IBC 13 and Radio Mindanao Network.

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The students and teachers in the recipient schools are grateful for the books they have received. Azucena Fallahes principal of A Montes II Elementary School in Iloilo City, for example, says that the books they have received from SM Foundation are good references for their lesson plans.

In Davao, Remigio Manco, principal of the Severo Duterte Memorial Elementary School says, "both my pupils and my teachers have benefited from the books."

These are equally helpful to public school children at San Isidro Davao Oriental, says Mayor Apolinar Ruelo, who adds that the books allow them to "acquire more knowledge and develop their potentials."

During the distribution of 1,000 books at the Banah Banah and Halang Elementary Schools in Amadeo, Cavite, Mel Leachon recalls that "while the children were very excited, the teachers from both schools were looking forward to opening new libraries with the books from SM Foundation."

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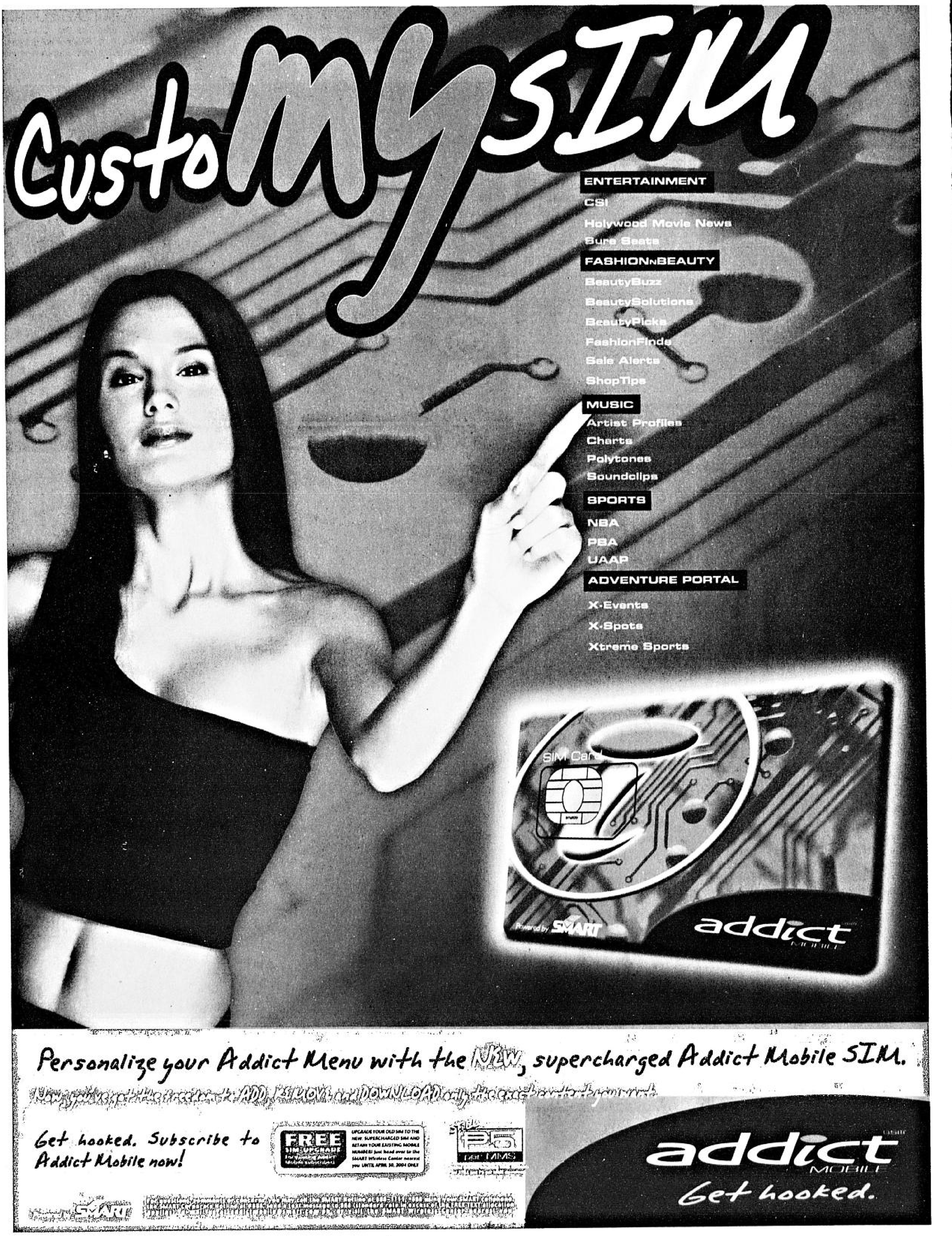
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By Tita M. Trillo
Contributor

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We opened a bottle of Domain Drouhin Pinot Noir from Oregon—a soft, elegant and easy drinking wine.

I opted for field greens with cotija cheese, roasted beets in red wine dressing for my starter. It's a delicious refreshing concoction of lovely artisan cheese and produce. My main course was sugar and chili-cured duck breast barbecued like campfire style with a very interesting baked macaroni sprinkled with green chili presented in cast-iron pan. What a mélange of flavors and rustic presentation!

My daughter opted for seared scallops on spinach leaves and creamy jalapeño vinaigrette sauce, and how she relished with gusto the fondue pot—little lamb chops, butter squash

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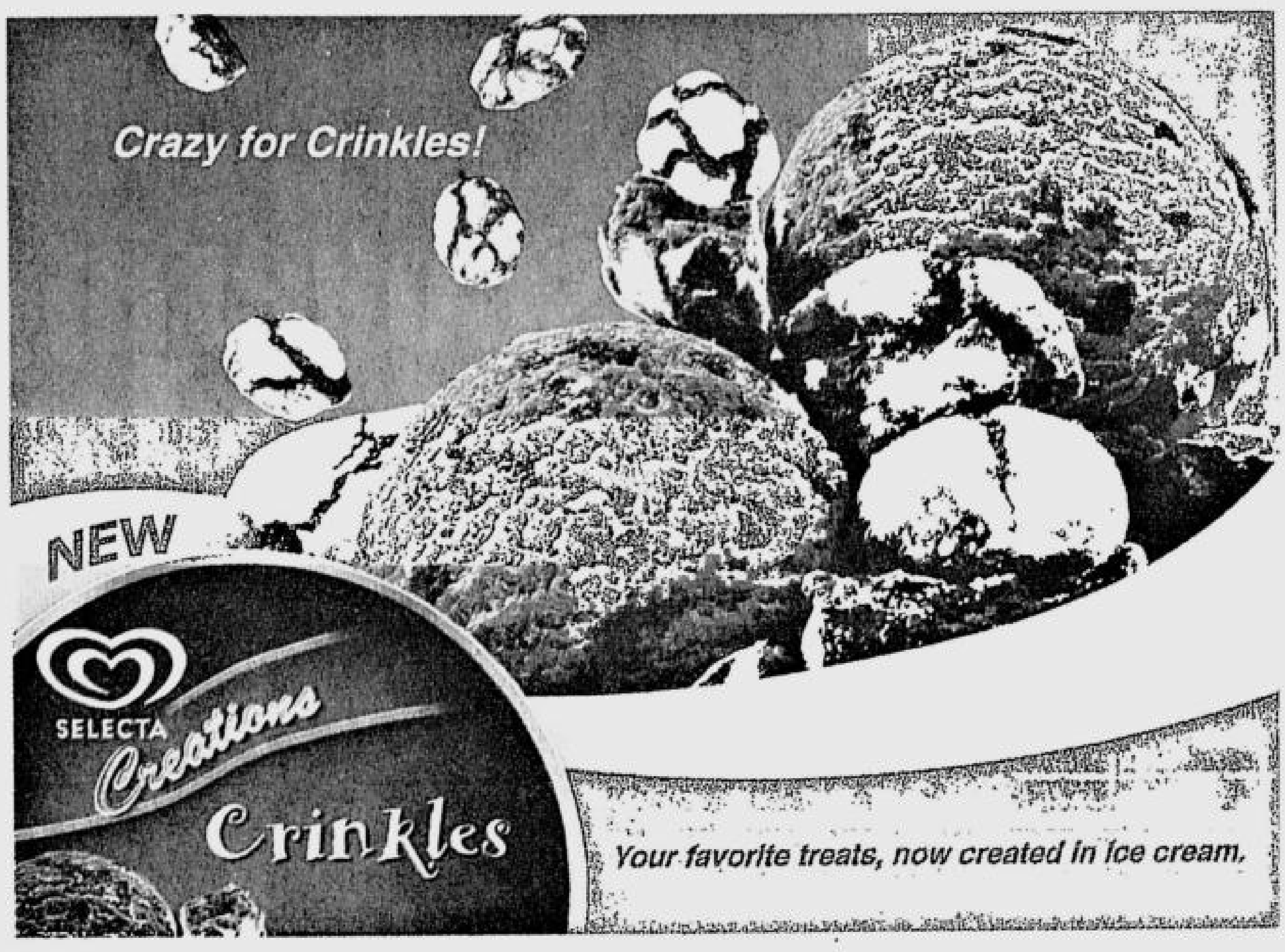

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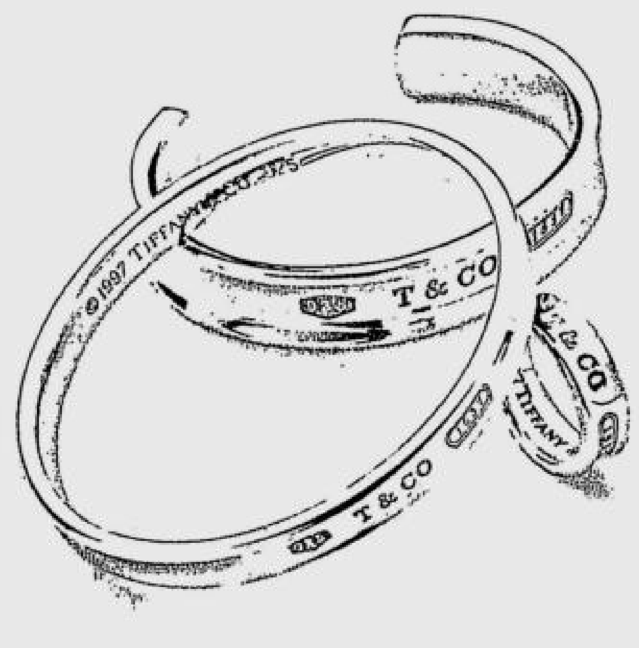
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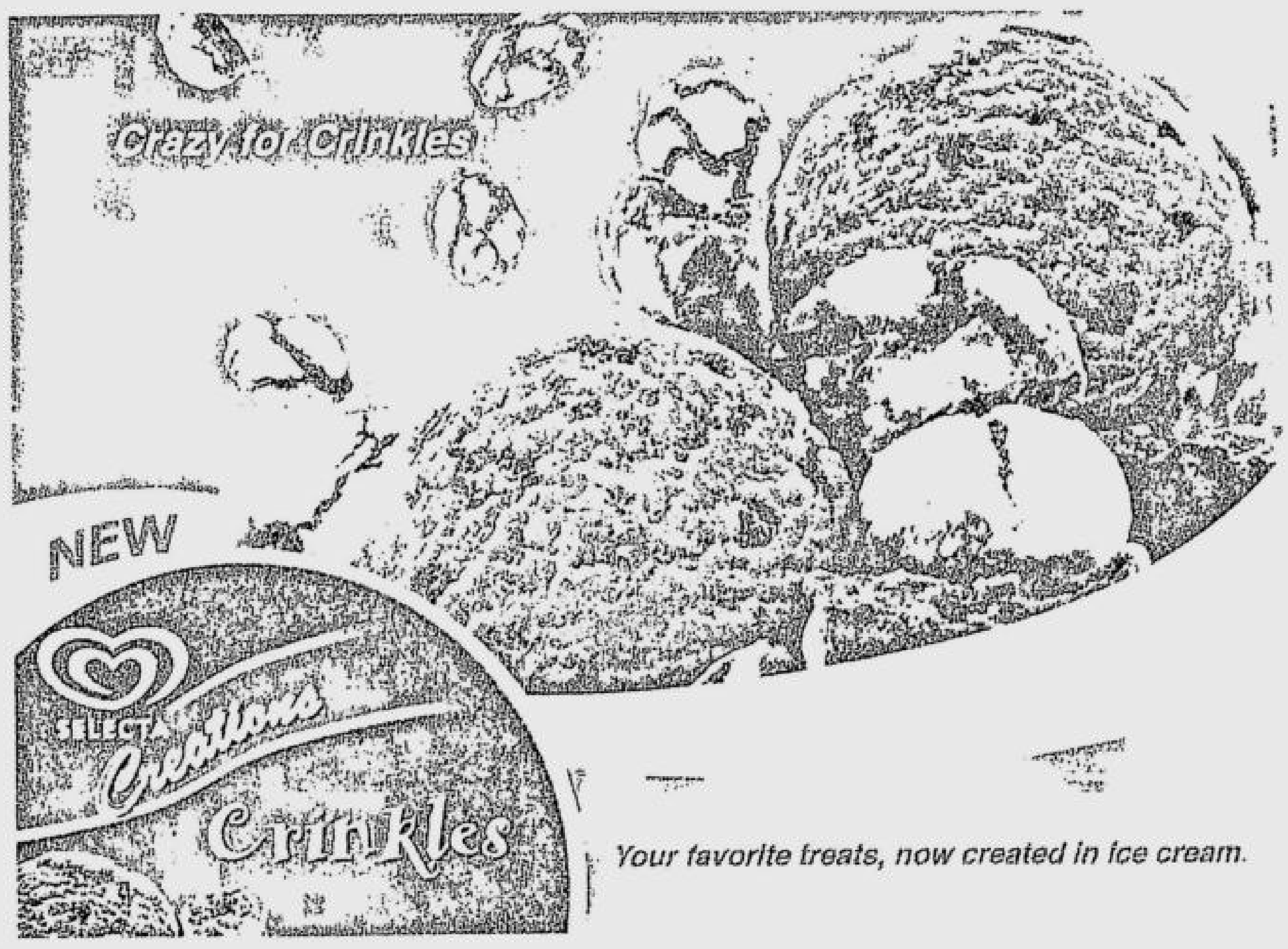

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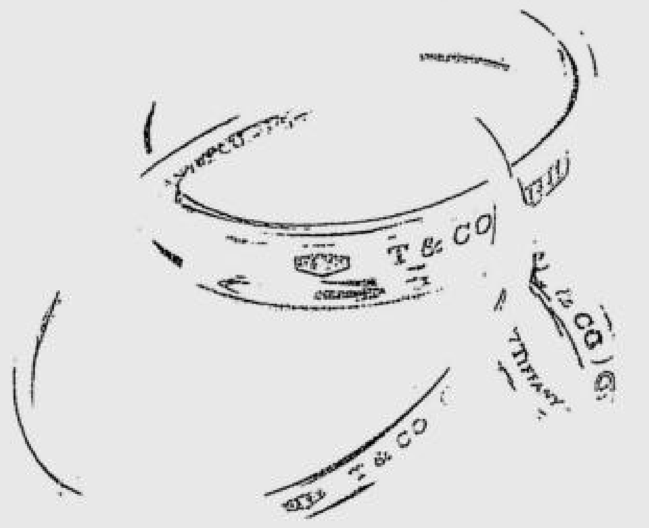

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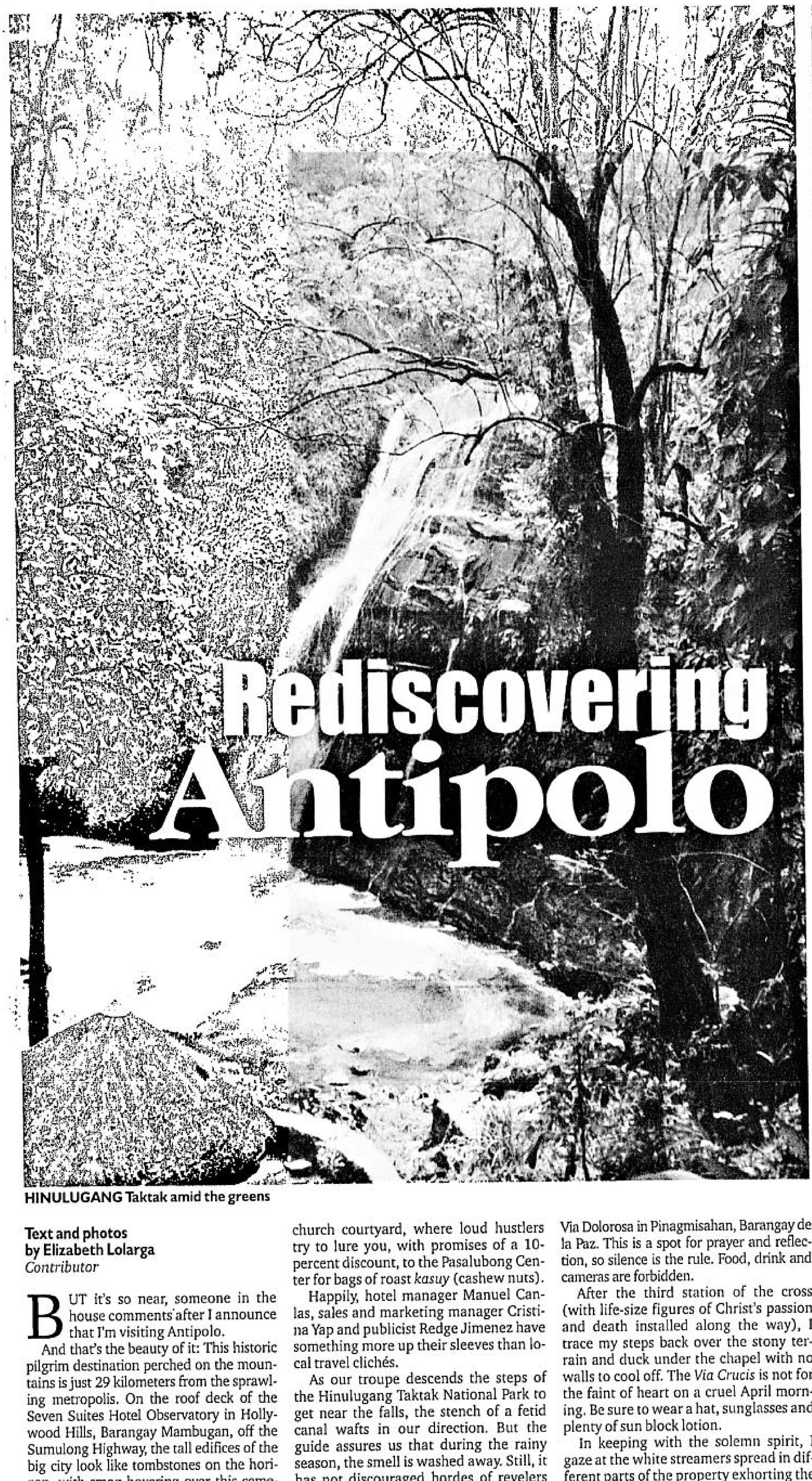


Rediscovering Antipolo

HINULUGANG Taktak amid the greens

Text and photos
by Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

BUT it's so near, someone in the house comments after I announce that I'm visiting Antipolo.

And that's the beauty of it: This historic pilgrim destination perched on the mountains is just 29 kilometers from the sprawling metropolis. On the roof deck of the Seven Suites Hotel Observatory in Hollywood Hills, Barangay Mambugan, off the Sumulong Highway, the tall edifices of the big city look like tombstones on the horizon, with smog hovering over this cemetery of the living. (The view is better appreciated at night when the big city becomes a lava lake of twinkling lights.)

The Antipolo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. is aggressively promoting the city east of Manila, and the hotel is getting into the swim of things with a tour package for the summer, called "Seven Stops at Seven Suites."

Earlier, I imagined obligatory visits to the cathedral, home of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, and to the waterfalls that wags have renamed Hinulugang Takatak—a pointed reference to the trickle, not gush, of water falling from Taktak Creek. Capping all these, I also imagined, would be a sampling of bland *suman* with ripe mangoes for sweetener just outside the church courtyard, where loud hustlers try to lure you, with promises of a 10-percent discount, to the Pasalubong Center for bags of roast *kasuy* (cashew nuts).

Happily, hotel manager Manuel Canlas, sales and marketing manager Cristina Yap and publicist Redge Jimenez have something more up their sleeves than local travel clichés.

As our troupe descends the steps of the Hinulugang Taktak National Park to get near the falls, the stench of a fetid canal wafts in our direction. But the guide assures us that during the rainy season, the smell is washed away. Still, it has not discouraged hordes of revelers from bringing in food and drink (liquor disallowed) and taking dips in the large swimming pool (P15 per person).

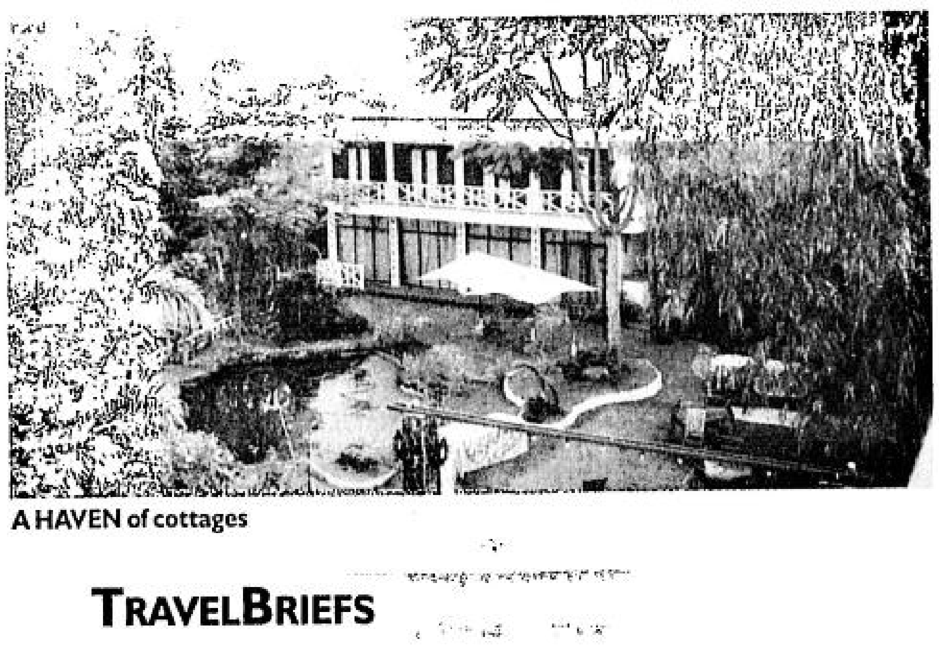
The park, under the administration of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, has expanded its area from 0.8 to 3.2 hectares. The ancient trees—big-leafed mahogany, smooth narra, tsampakang puti, anubing, santol, acacia, rain tree—are neatly labeled. The remnants of an old railroad station have been turned into a trellis but without any overgrowth. The ramp for the handicapped is partially boarded up.

But what's that old tire, clumps of plastic bags and other debris doing a few meters from the foamy basin where the water falls?

Our second and post-Lenten stop is the Via Dolorosa in Pinagmisahan, Barangay de la Paz. This is a spot for prayer and reflection, so silence is the rule. Food, drink and cameras are forbidden.

After the third station of the cross (with life-size figures of Christ's passion and death installed along the way), I trace my steps back over the stony terrain and duck under the chapel with no walls to cool off. The *Via Crucis* is not for the faint of heart on a cruel April morning. Be sure to wear a hat, sunglasses and plenty of sun block lotion.

In keeping with the solemn spirit, I gaze at the white streamers spread in different parts of the property exhorting the reader to help save the country through prayer and sacrifice. One plea sounds truly desperate: "Lord God, please, please bless and save our country."



A HAVEN of cottages

FAT koi at the Crescent Moon pond

The message on another streamer outside the gym that is a hop and a skip from the Antipolo Cathedral cracks us up. It is an announcement of the holding of the Antipolo Gay Association's Mr. Pogi 2004. (The three discerning gays in our group are being volunteered to serve as judges.)

Farther down the church courtyard is the Kainan at Pancitan ni Mam, which serves a dish that Rizal towns are known for: *adobong bundok,* which is native chicken with unfertilized eggs. The place is owned and operated by Ma'am, schoolteacher Elma Lopez, who teaches science at a high school in neighboring Cainta.

To avoid being gypped by hustlers offering below-quality *suman,* mangoes and *kasuy,* it's best to order from Lopez, who gets the stuff straight from the sources at no extra charge.

At The Crescent Moon Café on Ascension Road in Barangay Dalig, some of us become like children eager for a chance to throw pellets of feed at the fat hungry *koi.* Nearby is Lanelle Abueva-Fernando's Studio Pottery, where potters are working at the wheel or getting ready to put their works in a huge kiln.

CERAMIC wind chimes at the potter's studio

At my request, we take a turn on San Jose Street to look for the Domalaon Bakery where architect Wendy Regalado, Lanelle's sister-in-law, once took me and her colleague Ning Encarnacion Tan last year.

This time my companions are all agog, as I originally was, at the animal-shaped loaves of bread (yes, bread, as in *monay*).

Someone surmises that once upon a time, the baker was so bored doing *monay* that she/he decided to shape the dough into crocodiles, turtles, pigs and lobsters. And to make the endeavor more fun, the baker put in bits of cheese so eating the bread can be a treasure hunt. (Look for the coveted piece of cheese after several bites.)

The fifth stop is neurosurgeon-philanthropist Joven Cuanang's Pinto Art Gallery on Sierra Madre, Grand Heights Subdivision, always an oasis for folks like us staggering from the heat.

"The Bamboo Advantage," the Tan-Regalado collaboration, is still up. The modular bamboo house with its wide windows and paean to space looks even more inviting in this season. On the verandah, a *banig* strewn with plump pillows is laid out.

I told Doc Cuanang long ago how his place reminded me of the European movie "The Garden of the Finzi Continis." But at this time of the year, it seems straight out of a brochure on Bali. (Yes, this is the same garden where broadcasters Tintin Bersola and Julius Babao held their wedding reception.)

It is just right that we segue to another garden, the Pacem Eco-park at Assumption Antipolo on the Sumulong Highway. There's a mini zoo with cages holding white-bellied sea eagles, doves, mynas, cockatiels, peacocks and peahens, parakeets, lories, deer and a cassowary. The herbal garden is planted to French and Russian tarragon, mint, *tsaang gubat,* oregano, basil, onion and garlic, and there's information on what dishes they are good for.

There is a butterfly sanctuary and a museum minded by caretaker Darigold Raquinoso, who describes to us the mating habits of these colorfully winged creatures and how their propagation is a growth industry in this country.

Much of the credit for the eco-park's existence goes to Sr. Luz Emmanuel Soriano, former Assumption president, who has a butterfly caught in Saranggani named after her.

Seven Suites is the last stop, with time for a cooling shower and, later, a Japanese dinner, while astronomer Edmund Rosales allows us to take turns in peering through the telescope to view the rings of Saturn, three of the many moons of Jupiter, and the alignment of these planets with Mars and Venus.

"Is there a meaning to their position?" I ask Rosales, who teaches at the University of the Philippines' National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education and Development, and is in charge of the university observatory.

He smiles and explains that speculations on planetary alignments are the realm of the astrologer, while the astronomer can only shrug and say, "OGK."

Huh?

"Only God knows."

Just when I think the tour is over, comes an offer for a rubdown at The Spa of the Callos Farm Resort in Colaique. Owner Evangeline Garcia shows off the oils and scents, some of which she has invented names for, like "Sweet Interlude."

I choose "Instant Relief." And this I get after a few minutes in the jacuzzi strewn with rose petals and lavender, and, later, under the able hands of masseuse Liza.

My fond memories of Antipolo now include Liza's combination of shiatsu, Swedish massage and reflexology on my body, with taped guitar music playing in the background.

TRAVELBRIEFS

'Pahiyas' time

ON May 15, bucolic Lucban in Quezon stages its "Pahiyas," its famed annual homage to San Isidro de Labrador, patron of farmers.

Inscribe Tours will take merrymakers to marvel at the town's creativity, as shown in the rainbow-hued *kiping* (dyed rice wafers) adorning the houses and streets, as well as the creative displays made of fruits, vegetables and palm fronds.

But the artistically unique festival will also be a culinary adventure highlighted by a lunch buffet of native fare at Patio Rizal, the finest hotel in town. Later, merrymakers can indulge in local crafts and delicacies, including the succulent *longganisang Lukban,* at the many shops.

After lunch, the tour heads to neighboring Tiaong, where master potter Ugu Bigyan holds court. The artist, whose creations are sought-after here and abroad, will open his studio exclusively to Inscribe's guests in a rare one-day sale.

A hearty merienda amid plants and pottery in Ugu's garden-restaurant caps the day.

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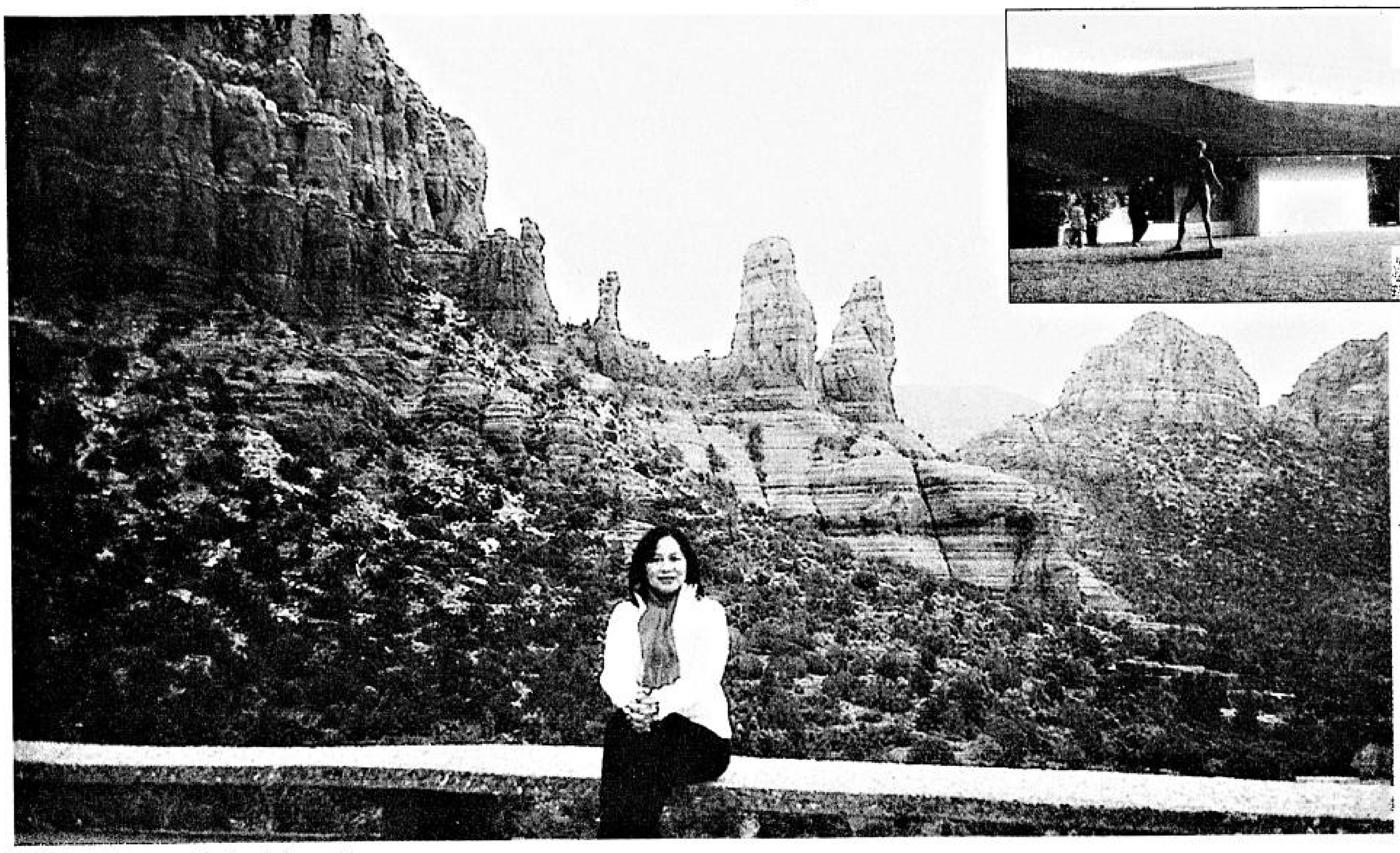
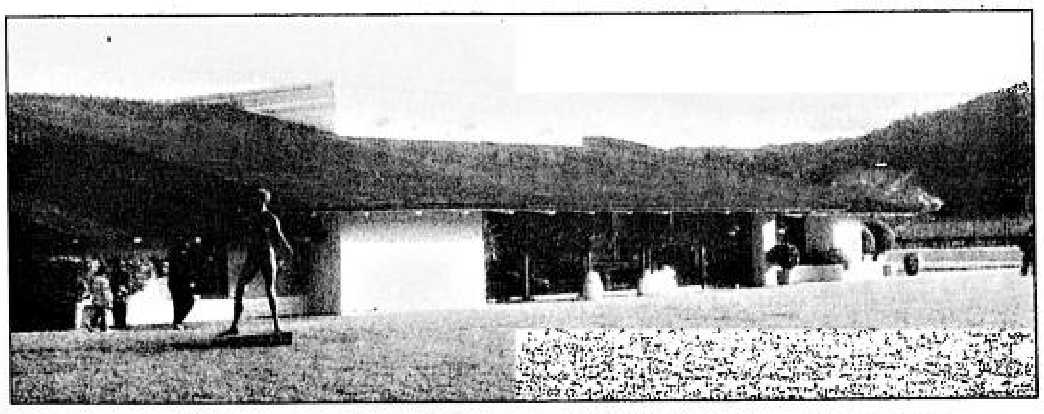


SEDONA, 145 acres of red rock formation



THE VINEYARD Room of the Robert Mondavi Winery, facing the garden where the Summer Jazz Festivals are held

THE AUTHOR, Dr. Rosanne Sugay and Rachelle Sugay

Cross-country sup and bite in the US of A

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and pistachio bread.

Enchantment

On Christmas Day we found ourselves in Sedona, known as the red rock country. It's a good two-hour drive from Phoenix that is well worth it because it is a magnificent creation of God.

After a sight-seeing tour, Rosanne impressed me even more with a booking at Enchantment Resort Spa. The moment we arrived at the resort, I knew it was magical. Set on 70 acres within the majestic crimson walls of the Spectacular Boyton Canyon, my senses were awakened by nature at every turn, especially as we entered the Yavapai Fine Dining restaurant.

The elegant southern interiors overlooked the magnificent Canyon through massive windows providing a 180-degree view. Rosanne's first choice was Crab Bisque with fried leeks and roasted bell peppers aioli, and chose the pan-seared breast of free-range chicken potato purée dashed with roasted garlic Jus for her main course.

Thinking of my diet, I chose the house salad and field greens, roasted pepper, artichoke heart, sun-dried tomatoes and goat cheese finished with yellow pepper vinaigrette. My main course was a combination of black tofu, brown rice and tamari miso broth. We picked a Robert Mondavi Shiraz, a wine with a hint of peppery and spicy aroma, to match our food. We talked, wined and dined, enjoying the pleasure of being together with the beauty that surrounds us—a proof of God's existence.

Napa Valley

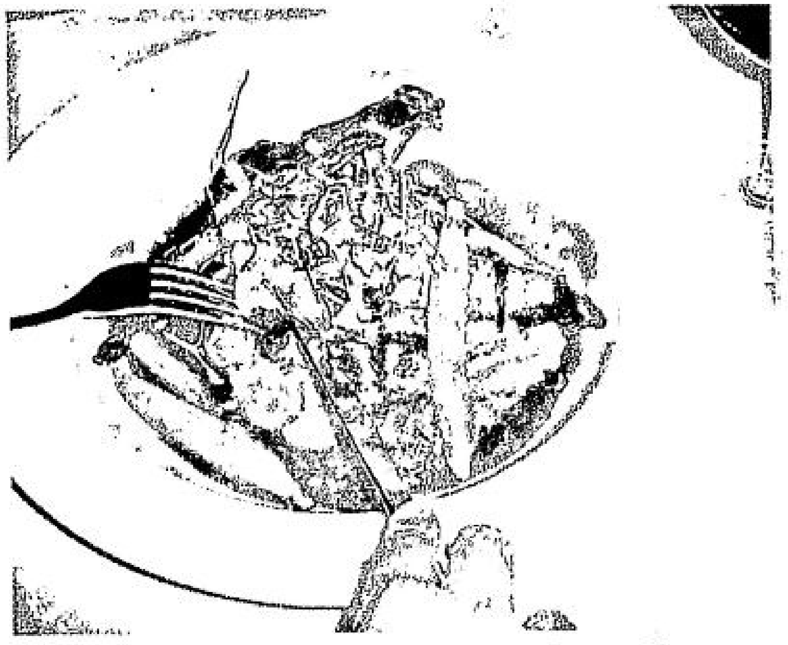
My heart always throbs for a fling in California's wine country, the playground for wine aficionados, gourmands and curious tourists.

This time of the year, the vines would be trimmed, hibernating and awaiting the first buds to come out in spring. It was an easy one-hour drive to Napa from San Francisco with my two daughters Rachel and Rosanne, the youngest daughter driving through Highway 29 passing through wineries, the names of which rolled by like an oenophile's wish list—Robert Mondavi, Opus One Winery, Nibaum Coppola, Muum, etc.

My kids opted for Taylor's for lunch, an old establishment known for its burgers and french fries succulently made the old-fashioned way.

I instead met with some old friends, Vic and Gemma Tayao, in Bistro Jeanty, a French bistro where they greet you warmly and serve satisfying food that change with the seasons. This is in Yountville, Napa's culinary Mecca, where the famous French Laundry is also found. Good luck with reservations, though. It takes four months for you to be accommodated in this snobbish bistro restaurant.

We shared a great appetizer, Terrine de Lapin-Rabbit pâté with celery root, apple salad, *moules au vin rouge* (mussels steamed in red wine), *Sole meuniere* with mashed potatoes and lemon-caper sauce. We complemented our lunch with a great white wine from Rhone Valley, a wine that was elegant and fruity but had a dry finish, typical of a Grenache grape variety. We also had a Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir from the Carneros District, which was a perfect combination because of its subtle red berry taste and soft tanins. What great lunch and company!



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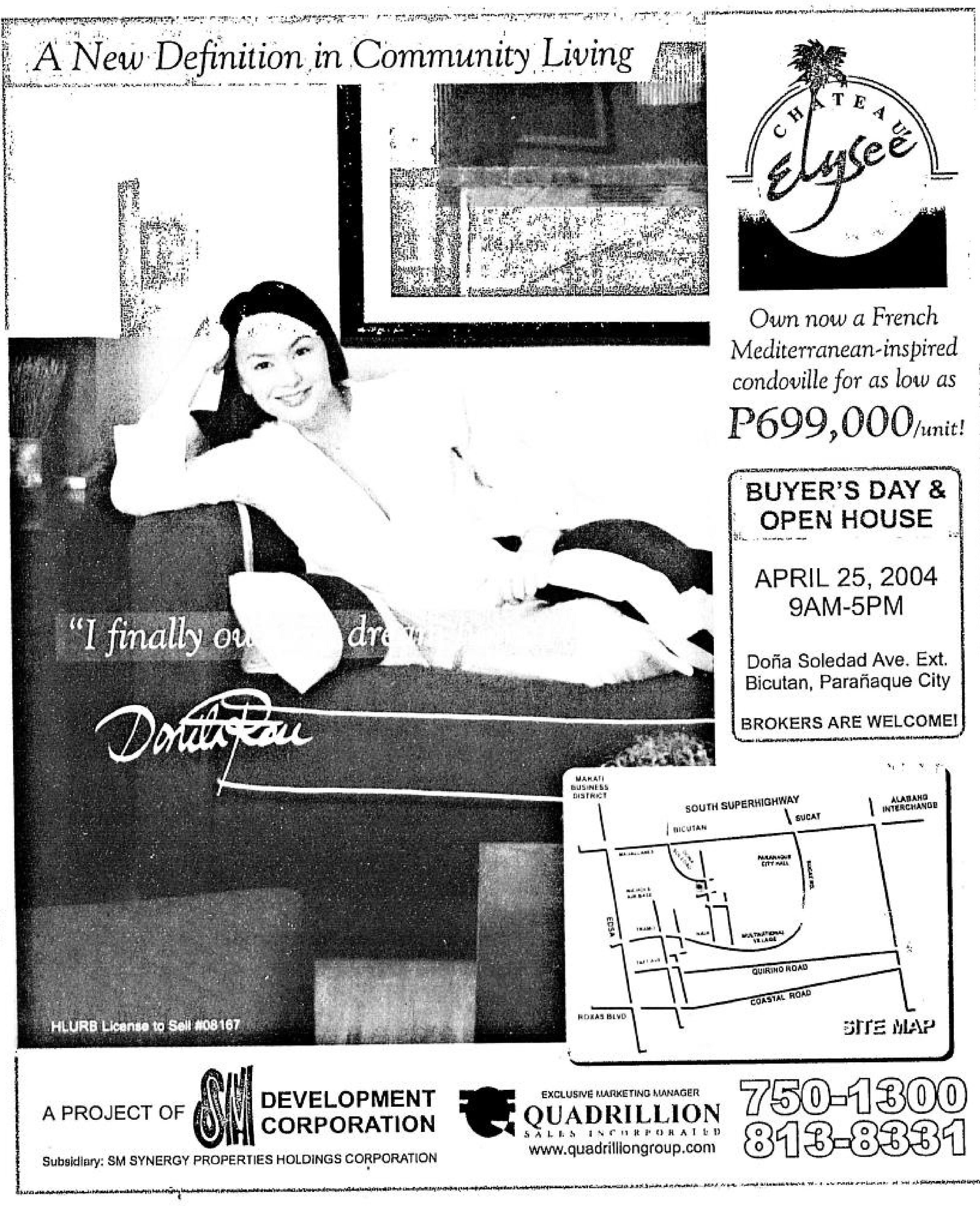
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Taguig celebrates 417th year as NCR's new growth center

TAGUIG has emerged as the new growth hub in the National Capital Region (NCR) as the administration of Mayor Sigfrido "Freddie" Tinga embarked on a massive campaign to improve the city's infrastructures and provide the necessary conditions for the entry of more investments in the once sleepy old community.

Tinga has long been concerned with promoting the general welfare of the people of the town, and this could not be done if there are no livelihood opportunities available and if the members of the labor pool do not possess the necessary training and skills required for steady employment.

Moreover, the town needs to have all the incentives needed for investments, and these incentives include better infrastructures, improved peace and order and law enforcement, and a better business environment.

Apart from these, the local government has to have a healthy people living in communities with decent housing, free from the menace of illegal drugs and willing to collectively promote the best interest of the town.

As Taguig's leader, Tinga mustered the best minds of Taguig to craft a comprehensive plan that addresses these core issues, and the result has been spectacular in the last three years.

Not only that, he has encouraged more and more people to take pride in being residents of Taguig, a town that has been noted for its fiestas, like the Feast of the Sto. Niño in Barangay Signal Village and the Sta. Anang Banak in Barangay Sta. Ana, which is perhaps the only feast in Metro Manila that is capped by a colorful fluvial procession.

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Steady growth

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Taguig is blessed with a large tract of land for industrial use in its lakeshore area along with its territory at Ft. Bonifacio, undoubtedly an investment haven from which the town could reap a huge dividend.

These are the factors that undoubtedly force the town's leadership to think of new ways to attract more investments and expand the existing industrial and commercial enterprises in Taguig.

While more and more companies show interest in Taguig, Tinga also encouraged them even more by improving the provision of water, power and other utilities to serve both the residents and the corporations locating in the town.

A flood control system was also built to end decades-old floods that had become an albatross to the people of Taguig. Inundated communities are now a thing of the past as far as the town is concerned. The uncertainty of so many years has vanished, thanks to Tinga and other leaders who provided the solution to the recurrent problem.

As one of Metro Manila's oldest towns, Taguig is catching up with the rest of the metropolis, and its achievements have been noticed by other towns and cities that are keen on marshalling their own resources to develop their own jurisdictions.

These are the development themes that Mayor Tinga has consistently worked on, and he has succeeded in pushing the town to become a new growth center in the bustling metropolis.

Higher tax take, better bureaucracy

Tinga's administration managed to increase its tax collection to P588.522 million from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, a hefty 29.87 percent increase from the P453.167 million collected for the a similar period by the previous administration.

Last year, Taguig collected more than P600 million, which is another milestone in the history of the town. In the next few years, Taguig may yet hit the P1-billion mark in tax collections.

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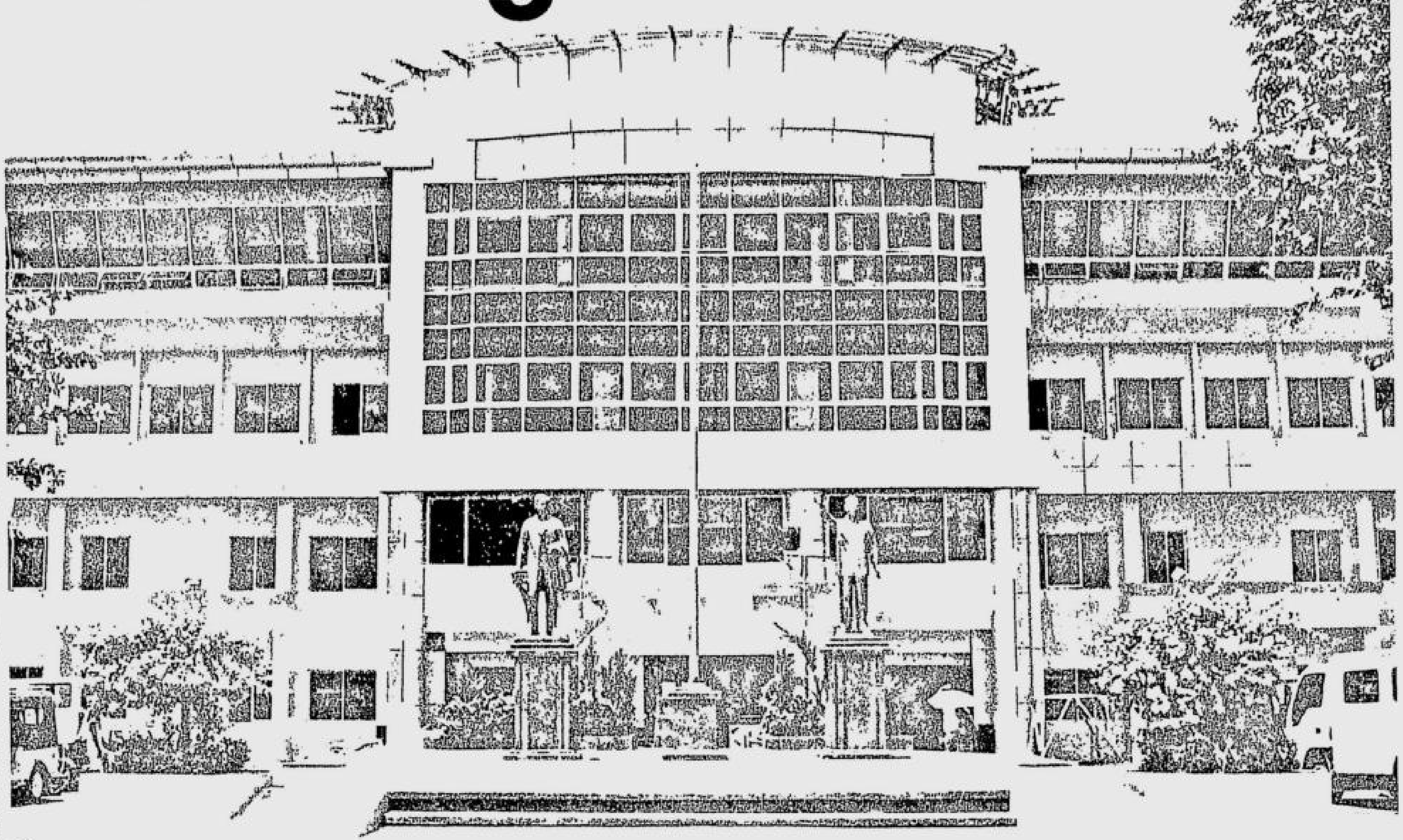

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"Ulat sa Bayan," which reports directly to the people the actions undertaken by the administration, the projects implemented and the programs being pursued.

Tinga has a regular radio program over DZAR Angel Radio aired live every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., with residents allowed to air their problems live and secure the mayor's quick response.

Promoting people's health

It is to the credit of Mayor Tinga that Taguig now enjoys an improvement in the general conditions of the population, committed as he was to provide more health services, promote education among pre-schoolers, pupils and all students in the town.

In health services, Taguig was one of the most active local government units (LGUs) in propagating universal health insurance coverage, and today, no less than 7,600 poor people have acquired their Taguig health cards from August 2002 to December 2003. Four satellite health units have also been built to serve more and more residents.

Immunization is now a must in Taguig, and health programs are pursued without let-up to ensure that the people stay healthy. More than 50 missions have been launched to provide free medical and dental services to the people.

Education from the cradle and beyond

More than 10,000 children are now enrolled in 115 day care centers all over the town, thus ensuring that they get pre-school education under the watchful eyes of professionals. Tinga built 85 of these day care centers in just three years.

Bothered by the 100:1 student-classroom ratio, Tinga secured a loan under the Logofind Project to construct 90 more schoolrooms in 10 public elementary schools and more classrooms are set to be built in the future. Tinga says the town hopes to reduce the student-classroom ratio and thus ensure that classes are no longer as big and unwieldy as they used to be.

No less than 90,000 students in Taguig's 24 public elementary and secondary schools have been provided with free notebooks. Free school bags have also been given to those in Grades 1 to 3. Free PE T-shirts are also provided to high school students while teachers have been issued free portfolio bags.

He has also upgraded the quality of education by providing P500 monthly stipends to students who excel in science and mathematics at the Taguig Science High School.

Tinga also veered away from the traditional educational system by emphasizing information technology, and no less than 103 computers have been distributed to seven public elementary schools and students learn the ABCs of automation in 18 laboratories. More such laboratories are being set up in public high schools in the town.

Youth and sports development

A sportsman himself since he played for the varsity baseball team at UP Diliman, Tinga has organized two of the biggest amateur basketball and volleyball leagues in the country today.

The Taguig Basketball Association (TBA) is considered the biggest ongoing basketball league worldwide. TBA has more than 11,500 players divided into 821 teams and all of them have shown their wares in the 3rd Mayor's Cup held recently.

The Forward Taguig team, one of the competing teams of the TBA, proved its mettle, beating the Chosun University lineup of South Korea at the National Basketball League's Invitational Cup held at the C.P. Tiñga Memorial Gymnasium last February.

Tinga hopes to develop more good basketball players as the tournaments provides the venue for them to hone their skills and eventually land in the top amateur and professional leagues in the country today.

Women are not left out in the sports development program of Mayor Tinga as thousands of the best female athletes in the town are now regularly playing for different teams in the Taguig Volleyball Association (TVA).

He also laid a premium on youth leadership by organizing them in the various communities and establishing the award for Taguig's outstanding youth leaders annually.

Through these programs, Tinga succeeded in harnessing the athletic and leadership skills of the youth and students of Taguig.

Improved peace and order

To obviate the fact that Taguig has a very low population-police ratio at one 2,880 residents to a policeman, Mayor Tinga instituted the Taguig Outpost Patrol, and 23 outposts have been built in crime-prone areas. Tinga hopes to build 50 such outposts and thus deter crimes in the process.

There are now 14 sub-precincts in Taguig and all are located in crime prone areas and all of them support the seven existing Police Community Precincts (PCPs) in the town.

He believes that in due time, Taguig will eventually secure more lawmen to safeguard the lives and property of an increasing population.

Apart from these, Tinga also organized the Special Response Team (SRT) and armed them with a base mobile radio and two handheld radios per team, thus allowing them to receive and relay complaints to the police and other law enforcers.

To keep children off the streets during curfew, Taguig also established the Taguig Security Force (TSF) to implement the ordinance.

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Ayala-Campos Group accelerates development of the Bonifacio Global City

FOLLOWING their purchase of a controlling stake in Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC), Ayala Land, Inc and Evergreen Holdings Inc of the Campos Group began to launch a series of projects to accelerate the development of Bonifacio Global City, FBDC's centerpiece project.

In September 2003, FBDC successfully launched McKinley Business Park, a 2-hectare development at the southern tip of the Global City. According to Bobby Dy, FBDC's head of Commercial Operations, all 17 lots were taken up in a span of 3 weeks.

Bonifacio Ridge, FBDC's two tower residential condominium, was also re-launched in September 2003. Sales have been brisk, as completion of this project nears and is expected by the 3rd quarter of 2004.

Last February, Serendra, a 12-hectare residential complex, was introduced by Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) and units were quickly snapped up by buyers. Meanwhile, Market! Market!, another ALI project, is nearing completion. This super-regional shopping center with 150,000 sqm. of gross floor area will open to the public by the 4th quarter of 2004.

This May, FBDC plans to launch a 5-hectare mixed-use development in the northern portion of Bonifacio Global City. Lots will average about 1,100 square meters each. Also, St. Luke's will soon start construction of a 500-bed state-of-the-art Medical Center in Bonifacio Global City.

These projects are certain to heighten the level of activity in the emerging metropolis now considered the Philippine's business center most suited to meet the needs of the global economy. The new projects intend to draw more businesses, retail and entertainment establishments as well as residents into this ambitious city of the future. The projects take full advantage of the Global City's easy access to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, its proximity to the Makati Business District and to C-5 and its outlying communities, and its advanced networks and road systems.

The latter includes a telecommunications network supported by fiberoptics for the highest levels of connectivity, more connections to C-5 to open in the next few years and commuter access to Makati through a modern fleet of buses. These are further enhanced by public art projects.

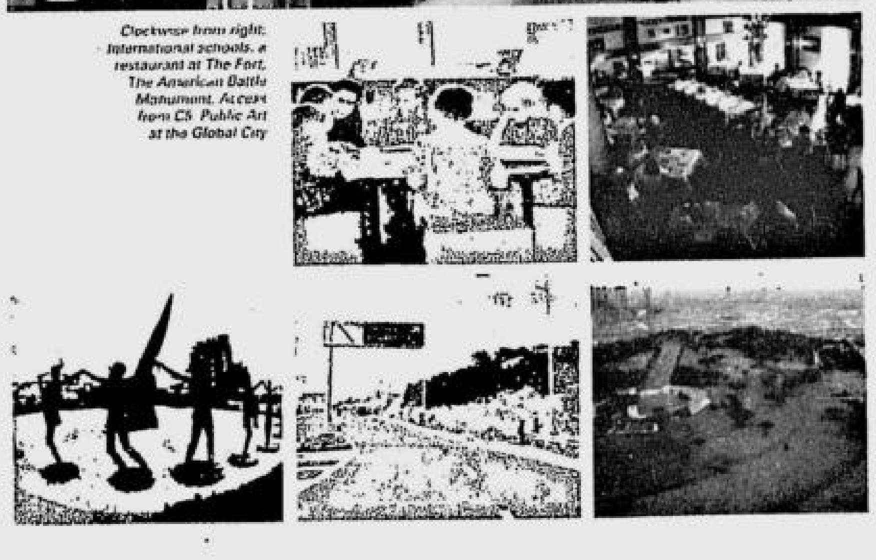
According to Dy, the new undertakings will complement existing anchor developments and will soon make the Global City a key national destination. Ayala Land is taking the lead in project planning and marketing for FBDC.

Observed ALI and FBDC president Francisco H. Licuanan: "This city has been designed for regional and international interaction, sustained economic development as well as a superior quality of life. We will draw from our long history and wealth of experience to realize this vision."

Carlos C. Ejercito, president of Greenfield Development Corporation of the Campos group, said that the "real challenge lies in the quick transformation of Bonifacio Global City into a vibrant business-based community that is also a choice international point of destination."

Ayala Land, which has a track record for creating and sustaining successful business districts and communities, will be complemented by the experience of Greenfield Development in catering to a broad market segment. Greenfield's centerpiece projects include Edsa Central, which continues to be a major commercial hub, and other commercial and residential undertakings in Laguna.

The Ayala-Campos Group signed a US$90 million agreement with the Metro Pacific Corporation last April 2003 for the controlling interest in FBDC. Analysts viewed the deal as one of 2003's major real estate developments realizing the vision of the partners to make the Global City part of the network of international business capitals.



Clockwise from right: International schools, a restaurant at The Fort, The American Battle Monument, Access from C5, Public Art at the Global City

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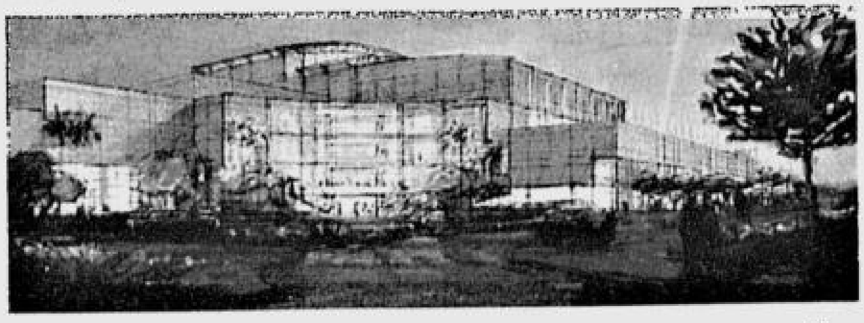

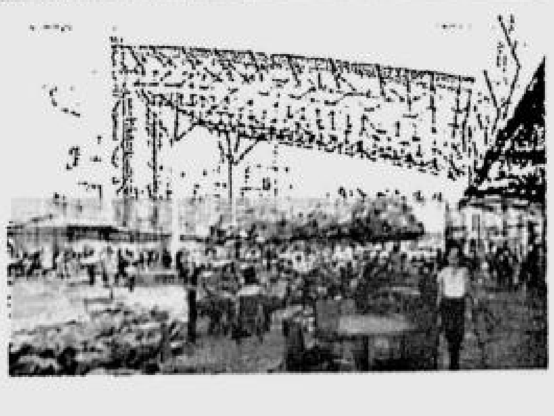

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I GREET the Municipality of Taguig as you celebrate your 417th Founding Anniversary.

Unity and cooperation are the keys to our country's progress and economic development. Understanding and love help form the solid foundations upon which every family could chart and live a happy and peaceful life in society. Happy families, in turn, make for a happy and progressive community.

Let us reaffirm our fundamental solidarity as one people devoted to peace and to the promotion of human welfare and happiness. May this celebration bring you the blessings of peace and prosperity and inspire every resident in your community to work together for harmony, understanding and contentment among you. May the people from other communities see and appreciate the richness and beauty of your unique culture.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

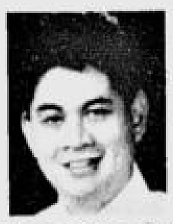
IN BEHALF of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, I extend my warmest greetings to all the officials and residents of the Municipality of Taguig in the celebration of their 417th Founding Anniversary highlighted by the inauguration of their newly-renovated municipal hall on April 25, this year.

Indeed, this worthwhile undertaking will bring forth great benefits to your constituents especially in the pursuit of unity, peace and cooperation. This occasion is a perfect time to assess your past accomplishment as well as to craft new plans for the future.

It is hoped that you will continue to complement our national government's effort in providing efficient delivery of basic services to our people and help propel our country to greater heights in order to achieve our vision of a Strong Republic.

Mabuhay!

(Sgd.) JOSE D. LINA JR.
Secretary



I SHARE with the people of Taguig the pleasure of celebrating the town's 417th founding anniversary by committing myself to pursue the full development of the town as the new growth center in the entire National Capital Region (NCR).

This year's celebration comes at a time when the cityhood issue is nearing resolution, and I, along with other town officials and Taguig's prominent citizens, are preparing the ground for eventual cityhood.

It is to the credit of the people of Taguig that the town has increased its income, improved its infrastructures, built more schools and day-centers and provided a greater number or citizens with basic services.

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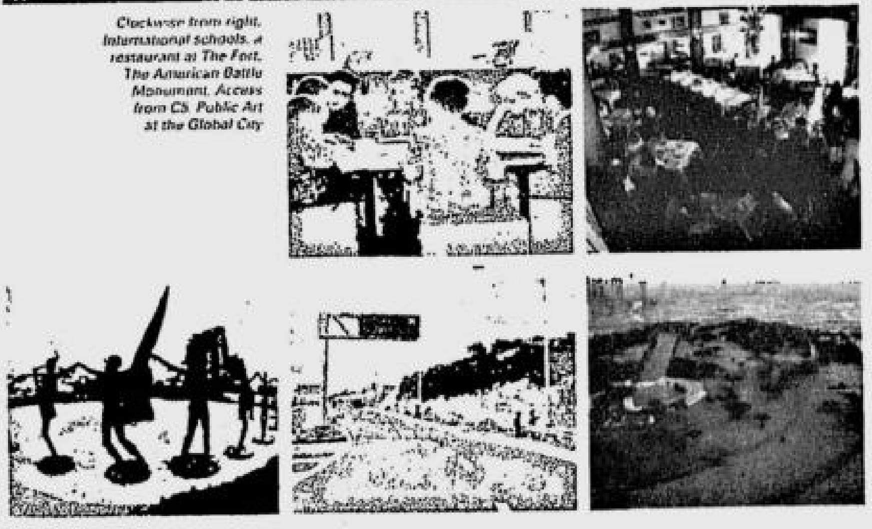

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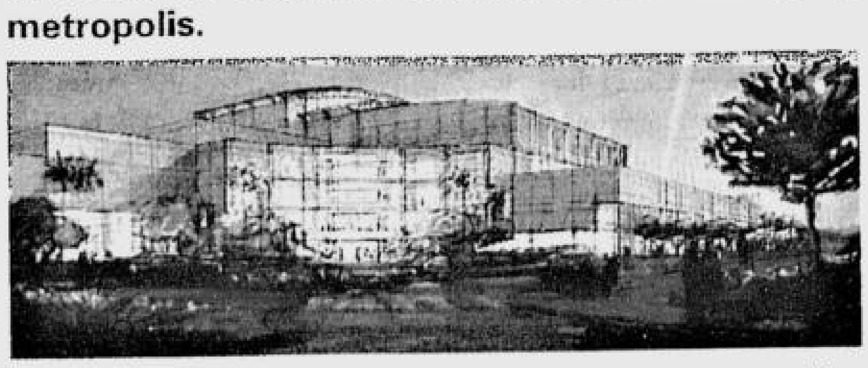

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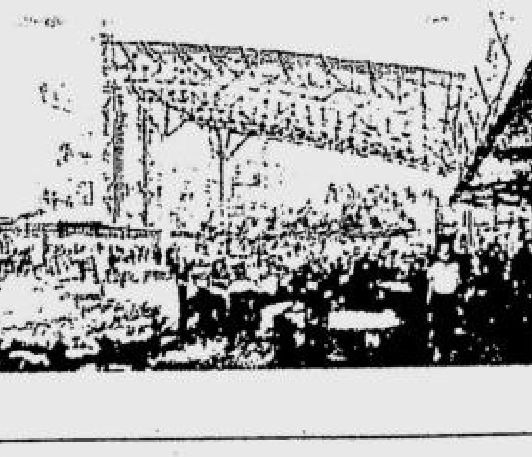

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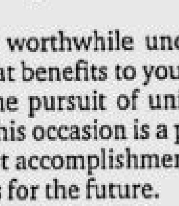

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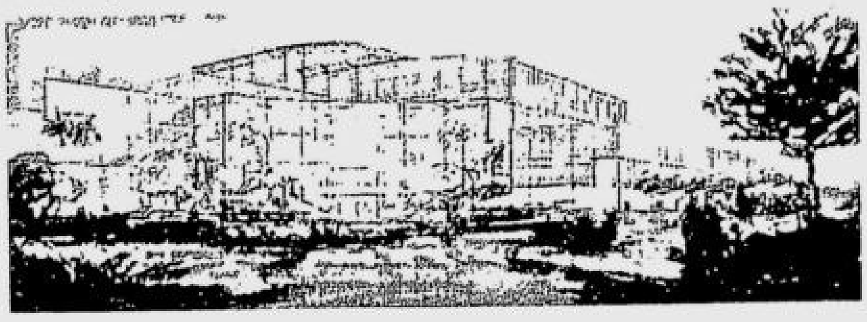

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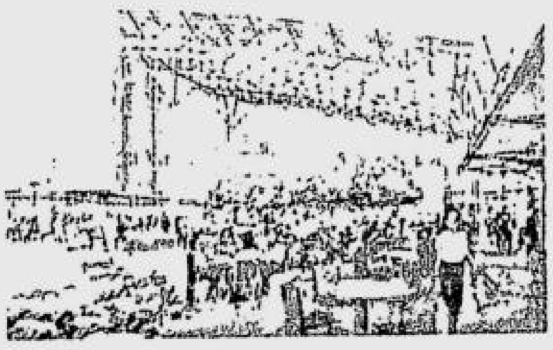

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Tinga said the project has the added attraction of being accessible to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), the Makati Central Business District and to the C-5 circumferential road.

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Global City will also host several schools, including the International School Manila and the British School, both of which are operating now.

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THE SUPREME Court (SC) has finally squelched all efforts to block its inexorable march to cityhood after the High Court en banc threw out the motion of Taguig-Pateros Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano to stop the recount of the ballots in the 1998 plebiscite held to decide the matter.

In effect, the SC en banc affirmed the decision penned by Associate Justice Reynato S. Puno in January 26, 2004 which directed the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to conduct the recount without delay, finding nothing of substance in the arguments repeated by Cayetano in his motion for reconsideration.

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With the SC's final decision on the issue, it is now the Comelec that would determine the true sentiment of the voters who cast their ballots in the 1998 plebiscite and reveal to the entire country the real results of the plebiscite.

Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga was greatly relieved by the SC decision, saying that it is a most welcome development and urged all the residents of the town to prepare for eventual cityhood.

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Cayetano and former Mayor Ricardo Papa have been the only ones rejecting cityhood and both had opposed the process from the very start, blocking the holding of the plebiscite by filing a temporary restraining order (TRO) with the SC.

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This strange declaration raised a howl among the people of Taguig and two residents, Ma. Salvacion Buac and Antonio Bautista, filed a petition for the revision and recount of the votes cast during the plebiscite.

When the Comelec's 2nd Division upheld the poll body's jurisdiction over plebiscite protests and ordered the transfer of the ballot boxes to the Comelec on October 17, 2001, Cayetano objected and raised anew the issue of Comelec jurisdiction.

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At the SC, Mayor Tinga and 27 other prominent Taguig residents joined Buac and Bautista by filing a petition in intervention, which Cayetano naturally opposed.

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Shelter program

Taguig pioneered the use of concrete interlocking blocks for five of nine medium-rise buildings (MRBs) that have been completed at the Pinagsama Village of Barangay West Bicutan. Another such building will soon rise in Barangay Bagumbayan.

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Thirty Community Mortgage Programs (CMPs) are now in effect in Barangay Calzada, Tipas, and in Barangays Sta. Ana, Bagumbayan, Napindan, Bambang, Hagunoy and Bagong Tanyag.

More and more idle farmlands are now being converted to residential use in order to solve the housing problem. The Sangguniang Bayan has already approved a municipal ordinance to take over these properties in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

Working for a cleaner environment

Massive flooding is now a thing of the past in Taguig, all because Tinga led in cleaning, declogging, dredging and rehabilitating all the creeks, waterways and rivers in Taguig.

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Tinga welcomes Global City as a partner in development

WITH the acquisition of the controlling stake of Ft. Bonifacio Development Corp. in April 2003, Ayala Land Inc and Evergreen Holdings Inc, set in motion a series of projects meant to transform the Bonifacio Global City into a most modern business district in the country.

Both companies are strong in the property development market, with Ayala Land being the foremost developer of the Makati Business District. Evergreen Holdings has many projects in the Edsa Central area in Mandaluyong City.

Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga has welcomed the synergistic collaboration of the Ayalas and the Campos Group, stressing that the development of the Bonifacio Global City would redound to the best interest of the people of Taguig.

He added that the local government that he heads would be most willing to work together with the Ayala-Campos Group to promote Bonifacio Global City as the magnet for commercial activity and economic growth in the National Capital Region (NCR).

Tinga said the project has the added attraction of being accessible to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), the Makati Central Business District and to the C-5 circumferential road.

The Ayala-Evergreen Group has started work on a 12-hectare residential complex and a 24-hectare mixed use sports, recreational and retail district along with the gigantic 150,000-square meter shopping center designed by Ayala Land and named Market! Market!

Set to open in October 2004, the 9.8-hectare Market! Market! is envisioned to become one of the biggest shopping malls in Asia and perhaps the entire world, and it will be a shoppers' mecca once it opens.

A two-tower residential condominium with 288 units will also be completed in the second semester of this year. The 500-bed state-of-the-art St. Luke's Medical Center will rise in the Global City, and all these investments amount to P11 billion.

Global City will also host several schools, including the International School Manila and the British School, both of which are operating now.

Taguig cityhood imminent as High Court orders recount of ballots in 1998 plebiscite

THE SUPREME Court (SC) has finally squelched all efforts to block its inexorable march to cityhood after the High Court en banc threw out the motion of Taguig-Pateros Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano to stop the recount of the ballots in the 1998 plebiscite held to decide the matter.

In effect, the SC en banc affirmed the decision penned by Associate Justice Reynato S. Puno in January 26, 2004 which directed the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to conduct the recount without delay, finding nothing of substance in the arguments repeated by Cayetano in his motion for reconsideration.

The SC's decision, promulgated on February 24, 2004, junked Cayetano's petition, saying "the basic truths therein have been passed upon by this Court and no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the questioned decision."In his January 2004 ponente, Puno ordered the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to reinstate the petition to annul the results of the 1998 plebiscite allegedly rejecting the cityhood of Taguig and to decide the same without delay by conducting a recount of the ballots.

With the SC's final decision on the issue, it is now the Comelec that would determine the true sentiment of the voters who cast their ballots in the 1998 plebiscite and reveal to the entire country the real results of the plebiscite.

Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga was greatly relieved by the SC decision, saying that it is a most welcome development and urged all the residents of the town to prepare for eventual cityhood.

"Taguig is now getting due recognition for its efforts to develop and in the next few years, we expect Taguig to become a premier area of development in the metropolis," Tinga said.

The six-year delay in cityhood has cost Taguig to lose P300 million in annual internal revenue allotment (IRA). Had the town secured the money, former Taguig Mayor Isidro B. Garcia said, it could have used the P1.8 billion for development projects and the improvement in the delivery of basic services to the people.

Both Tinga and Garcia also belied reports about an increase in taxes should Taguig become a city. The truth, Tinga and Garcia stressed, is that there would be a five-year moratorium on tax increases.

In fact, Taguig secured a 12.13 percent increase in the January 2004 business tax collections of P78,896,875.43 without any increase in the rates and the Tinga administration showed that tax increases could be achieved through efficient tax collection and without necessarily raising tax rates.

Cayetano and former Mayor Ricardo Papa have been the only ones rejecting cityhood and both had opposed the process from the very start, blocking the holding of the plebiscite by filing a temporary restraining order (TRO) with the SC.

However, the High Court dumped his plea and the plebiscite proceeded on April 25, 1998. However, the Comelec, then headed by Chairman Bernardo Pardo, proclaimed that cityhood was rejected, using only the canvass of returns from only 1,005 precincts out of 1,115 precincts.

This strange declaration raised a howl among the people of Taguig and two residents, Ma. Salvacion Buac and Antonio Bautista, filed a petition for the revision and recount of the votes cast during the plebiscite.

When the Comelec's 2nd Division upheld the poll body's jurisdiction over plebiscite protests and ordered the transfer of the ballot boxes to the Comelec on October 17, 2001, Cayetano objected and raised anew the issue of Comelec jurisdiction.

The same division reversed itself and the Comelec en banc upheld the same, prompting the aggrieved petitioners to elevate their case to the High Tribunal.

At the SC, Mayor Tinga and 27 other prominent Taguig residents joined Buac and Bautista by filing a petition in intervention, which Cayetano naturally opposed.

With the settlement of the matter by the SC, Tinga and all other residents of Taguig are now gearing up for cityhood.

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More radio equipment and vehicles have been given to the local police to enhance their crime-fighting ability. Twenty-six hand-held radios and seven patrol vehicles are now being used by lawmen apart from the mobile car allotted to each PCP.

Shelter program

Taguig pioneered the use of concrete interlocking blocks for five of nine medium-rise buildings (MRBs) that have been completed at the Pinagsama Village of Barangay West Bicutan. Another such building will soon rise in Barangay Bagumbayan.

Tinga has also helped the urban poor secure their own houses through loans from the National Home Mortgage and Finance Corp. (NHMFC).

Thirty Community Mortgage Programs (CMPs) are now in effect in Barangay Calzada, Tipas, and in Barangays Sta. Ana, Bagumbayan, Napindan, Bambang, Hagunoy and Bagong Tanyag.

More and more idle farmlands are now being converted to residential use in order to solve the housing problem. The Sanggunïang Bayan has already approved a municipal ordinance to take over these properties in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

Working for a cleaner environment

Massive flooding is now a thing of the past in Taguig, all because Tinga led in cleaning, declogging, dredging and rehabilitating all the creeks, waterways and rivers in Taguig.

Today, 80 percent of the Taguig River and 50 percent of Tipas River have been cleared of water lilies and garbage.

Tinga has also involved municipal officials and employees in the clean-up drive, and all of them render community service on weekends, working hand-in-hand with the personnel of the Clean and Green Office.

Garbage collection is another matter to which Tinga has paid great attention. Residents have been instructed to practice waste segregation and waste disposal. The schedules for waste collection are properly displayed for all residents to see.

There are 251 regular street sweepers in Taguig who keep the town clean using 150 garbage trolleys.

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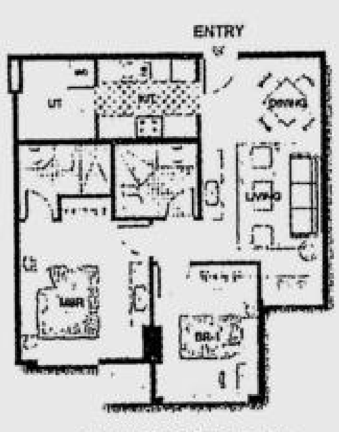

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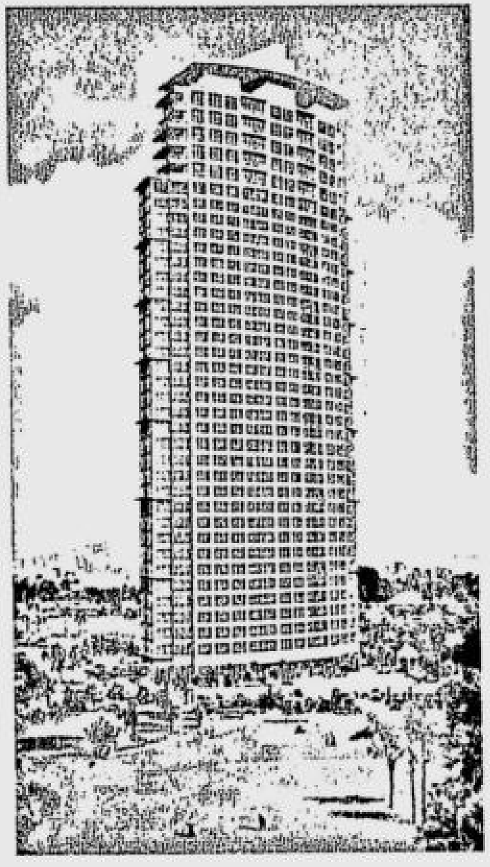

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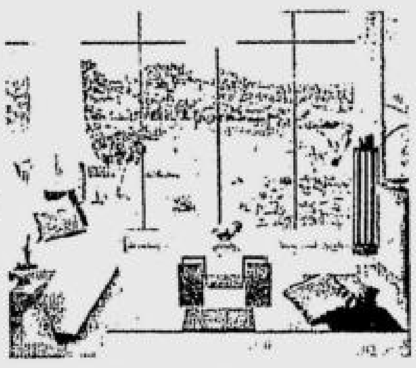

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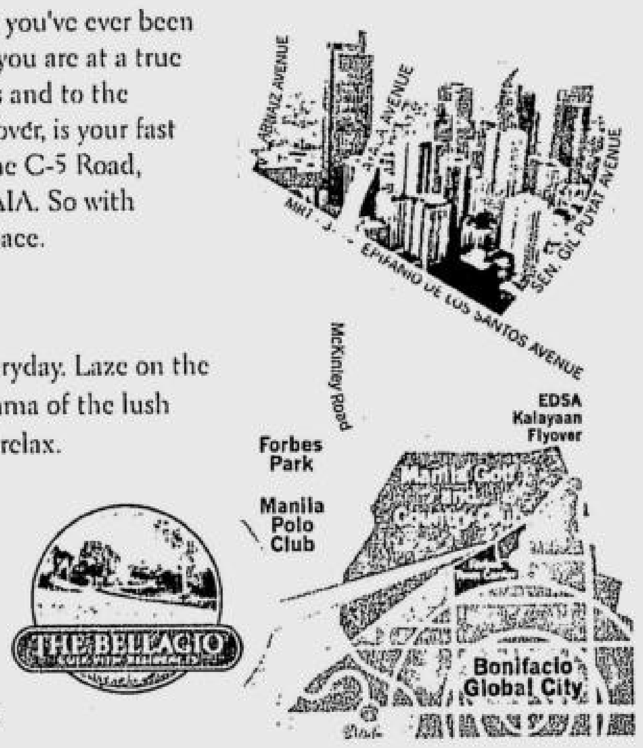

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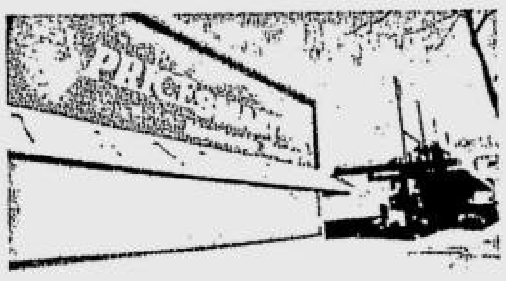

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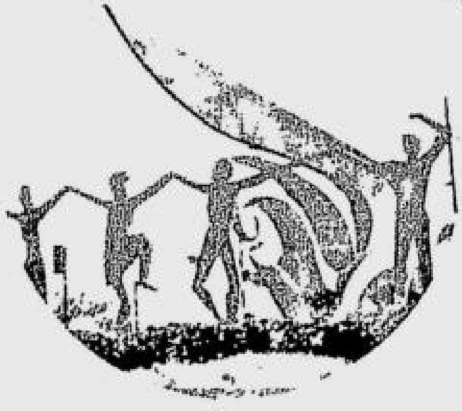

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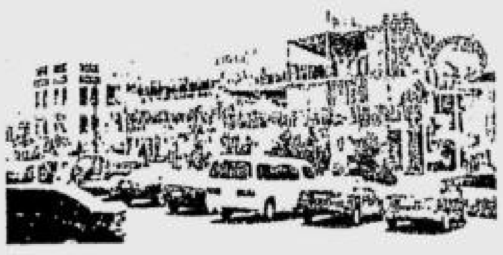

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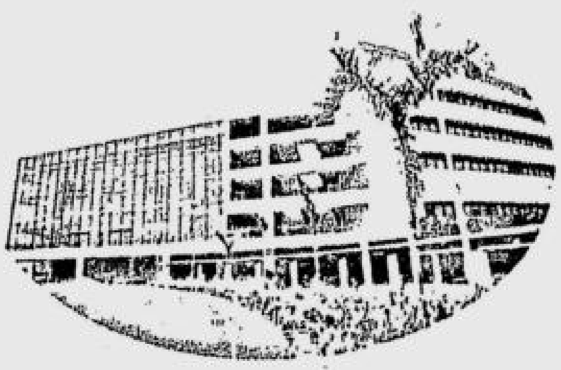

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Millenial education: The challenge of education for the rising youth

By Cecile Estrada

THERE is an old Philippine proverb that goes "education is the key to success; one should be educated at all costs." But today, it is not enough just to graduate from a four or five -year course. One must have a good or quality education.

But how does one measure quality education?

Is it merely going to a school of good repute? Is it paying a big tuition fee? Is it learning from good teachers and getting the best grades? Or is it studying in a school that has programs to ensure that students grow and develop their talents to the fullest?

Perhaps it is all of these. Many schools now claim that they give holistic education and develop multi-skilled students. But do these schools deliver on what they promise?

Global Education Today

Schools must cater to the needs of modern-day students and their parents if they truly believe in the power that education wields. Globalization further complicates a school's role by bringing in rapid changes-whether in information technology, new ideas or course offerings-that continuously sweep everything in its path. One must either go with the flow or risk being left behind. And no school that truly cares for its students would want to be left behind.

With the volatile economy of our country, parents are now wary of paying high tuition fees. They need to be assured that their children will truly get the quality of education that they are paying for. They also need to be secure that their children will be safe, cared for, and attended to while in school.

Meanwhile, students nowadays are also demanding for their rights. The youth of today know the value of money and time. The Barna Research Group, in a study made on the American youth, reported that they feel "other experiences are necessary to lead a fulfilling adult life, including acquiring special skills (e.g. people skills, math skills, language skills); having occupational or career success; gaining more experience in the "real world"; building meaningful relationships and mastering current technology."

In a recent study done on Student Well-being, Dr. Patricia Licuanan, Miriam College President, reported that, "There were concerns about academic overload, lack of skills, and the balance between curricular and extra-curricular work. In the area of personal formation, concerns were raised about moral and spiritual formation, the development of a healthy self-concept, coping with stress, issues of sexuality, and behavioral problems. Social and interpersonal relations were a concern as well with family problems being a major issue followed by peer acceptance, peer pressure and concerns about the image of the school. Financial problems also surfaced."

Youths want to experience and change the world. Education plays a key factor in making this desire a reality.

Education Factors

So what could constitute a good education for students of today? Several factors could be taken into account.

1) Hero - Youths need someone to look up to. Usually these are their parents who epitomize what they want to be when they grow up. Sometimes these are the teachers who become models of integrity in the eyes of their students. These heroes can mold a child through example and action into a strong, self-sufficient, and well-adjusted person.

They need not be the nerdy ones who spout out theories and hypotheses. They could be like Prof. Jay Saplala, a teacher from the Psychology Department of Miriam College, who embodies the word "service" through his Sunday classes in the maximum security compound of the New Bilibid Prisons. He has been teaching modules like "Pagkilala sa Sarili" and "Pagkilala sa Loob" to prisoners since 1995 believing that the best way to rehabilitate prisoners is through education.

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Millenial education: The challenge of education for the rising youth

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their fields. They must have that niche that they promote. Whether it be being an outstanding women's school like Miriam College or a business school like AIM.

This niche helps students by narrowing down their choices. For example, Miriam College caters to those who prefer to study in a smaller, more family-oriented school atmosphere, which has a holistic approach to education and has a stronger spiritual formation program. For this school, girls truly rule! And they also have icons to prove that belief. The name of Dr. Angelina P. Galang, Executive Director of the Environmental Studies Institute, is already synonymous to the term environmental education. Up to now, she continues to go to rallies, climb mountains, and teach in far-flung provinces about the environmental principles that she advocates.

3) Investments - Money is not the only investment that is undertaken in education. There is time, effort, customer service, and many more. Schools must learn not only to speak the language of the youth but to cater to the concerns of the parents and even to the needs of the alum-

EDUCATION/ L4

Far Eastern University

FOR the past 76 years Far Eastern University (FEU) has been a leader in education and has set standards of excellence that many colleges and universities have tried to achieve and emulate. When Dr. Nicanor Reyes founded FEU's Institute of Accountancy in 1928, it was his desire to provide access to quality education, a privilege only the foreigners and rich Filipinos could afford then. Over the years the halls of FEU have been filled by thousands of young Filipinos who have brought prestige not only to their alma mater, but to the country as well.

More than ever, FEU aims to deliver a progressive and competitive education that will give its students a head start in life. As one of the country's leading non-sectarian, private university, FEU equips its students with the tools they need to succeed in a highly competitive environment. To make the students globally competitive, FEU has adopted an intensive English literacy campaign. It also allots more hours for science and math subjects compared to other universities.

The University offers a variety of courses, from Accounting to Fine Arts, that are designed to meet the demands of the changing times. FEU has also established alliances with other schools here and abroad. An example is the partnership with De La Salle University, where the country's first JD-MBA dual degree program was introduced recently.

With FEU's approach to education, the students benefit from a holistic education that will make them emotionally sound and morally upright individuals, not just in the workplace, but also in life. They are driven to make a difference through hard work and team spirit. FEU coed Diane Doronira says, "I have realized that I should put value in everything I do. With that, I have also learned to seek advice and help from others and accept their opinion, whether positive or negative."

"I have learned to aim high and believe in my own potential, to be honest, courageous, optimistic, and hopeful," says Gemalyn Mapoy of her FEU education. Another student, Iris Ingrid Centeno declares, "I have learned that in order to achieve one's goals, the qualities of integrity, dedication and perseverance are important."

These sterling characters have reaped many accolades from various academic and scholastic groups. FEU's Oratorical and Debate Council (Oradec) has placed the University among the league of the top five schools in debate in the 3rd Inquirer Intercollegiate Debating Championships (IIDC) held at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, last Jan. 30. In the recent 2004-2005 PLDT-DPC Telephone Directory Cover 18th Visual Art National Competition, all of the university's entries won awards.

The 2003 UAAP Men's Basketball finals showcased the FEU Tamaraws as champions. The sports media regard the Tamaraws as the team that broke many paradigms in collegiate basketball in terms of coaching, training, tactics, and team play.

Apart from its industrious and highly driven students, FEU is also proud of its acclaimed faculty and campus. Faculty members are required to possess post-graduate degrees. Its campus is arguably the cleanest, most secure and the best equipped in the University Belt. FEU's electronic library boasts of hundreds of terminals that are designed for fast retrieval of web-based information. Its three modern gymnasiums are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment such as Power Flex goals, Fair Play electronic scoreboards, and Astrotuf-Martin all-weather rubberized surfaces for the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts. For its socio-cultural activities, the university houses the historic, air-conditioned FEU auditorium that can easily accommodate 1000 people.

Finally FEU has a supportive network of outstanding alumni who assist the students with their career opportunities. Distinguished alumni include Supreme Court Justice Artemio Panganiban, Henry Sy of the SM Group of Companies, Alfonso Yuchengco of the RCBC Group of Companies, Sedfrey Ordoñez, former Representative to the United Nations, and Benjamin Punongbayan, chair, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and International Chamber of Commerce.

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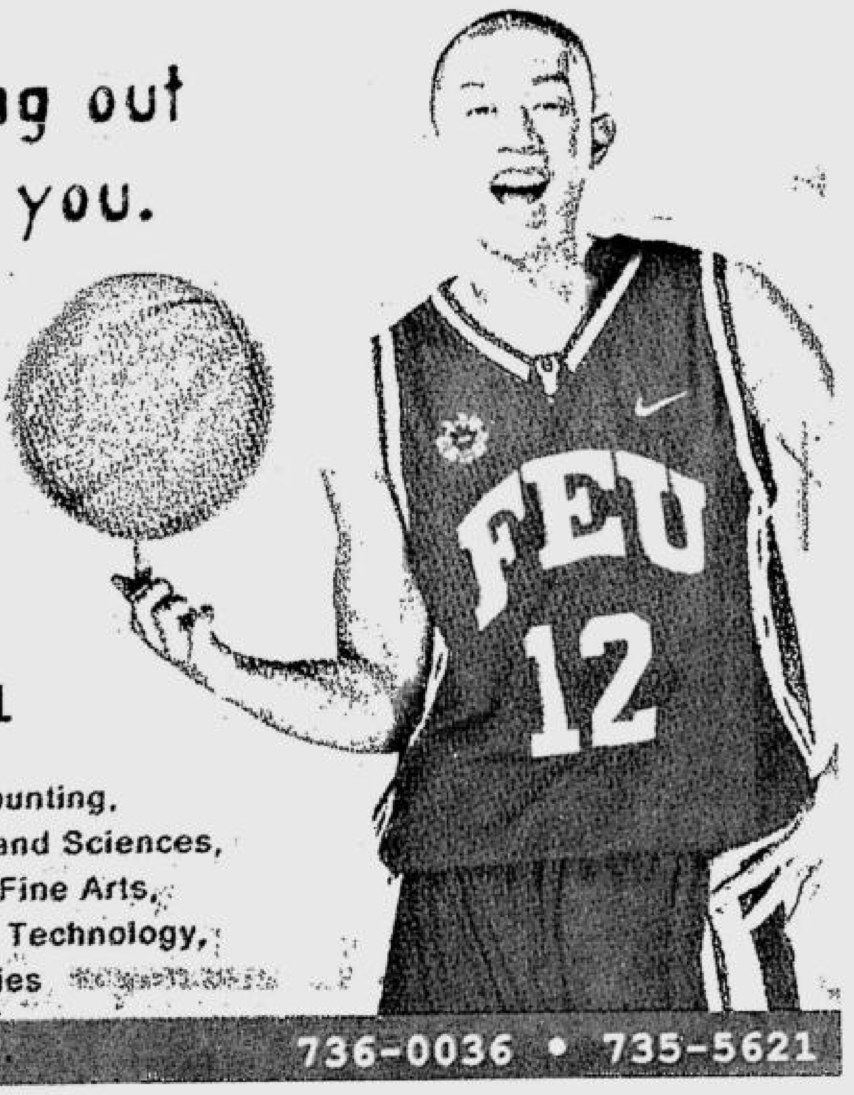

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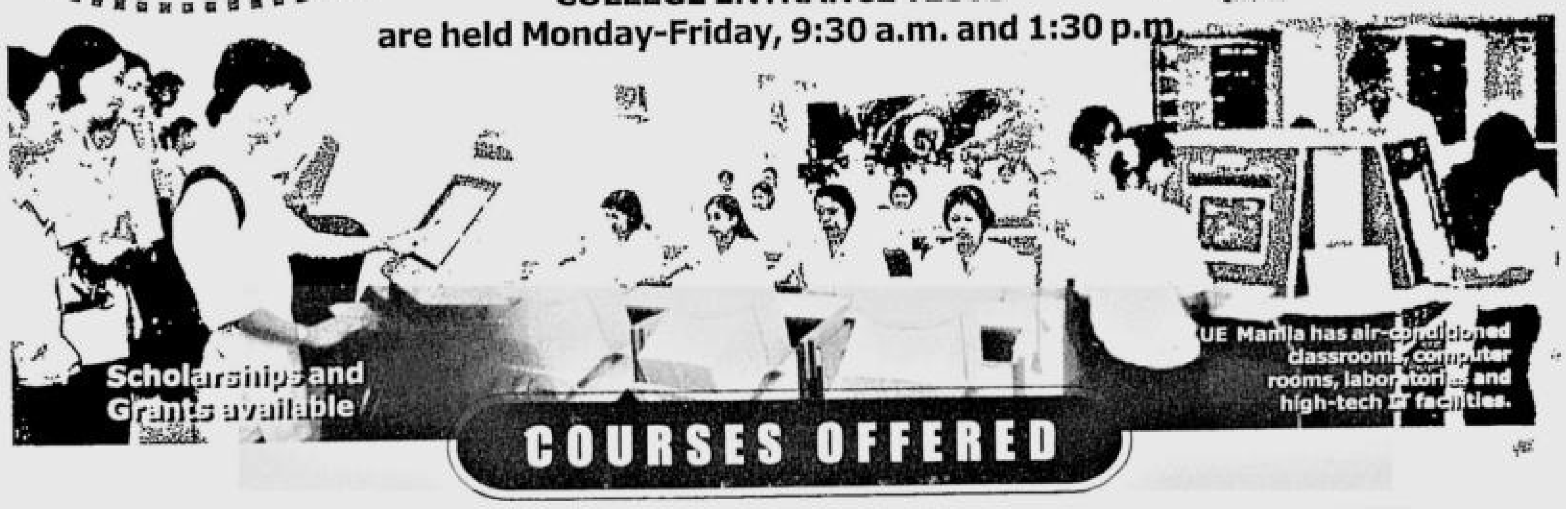
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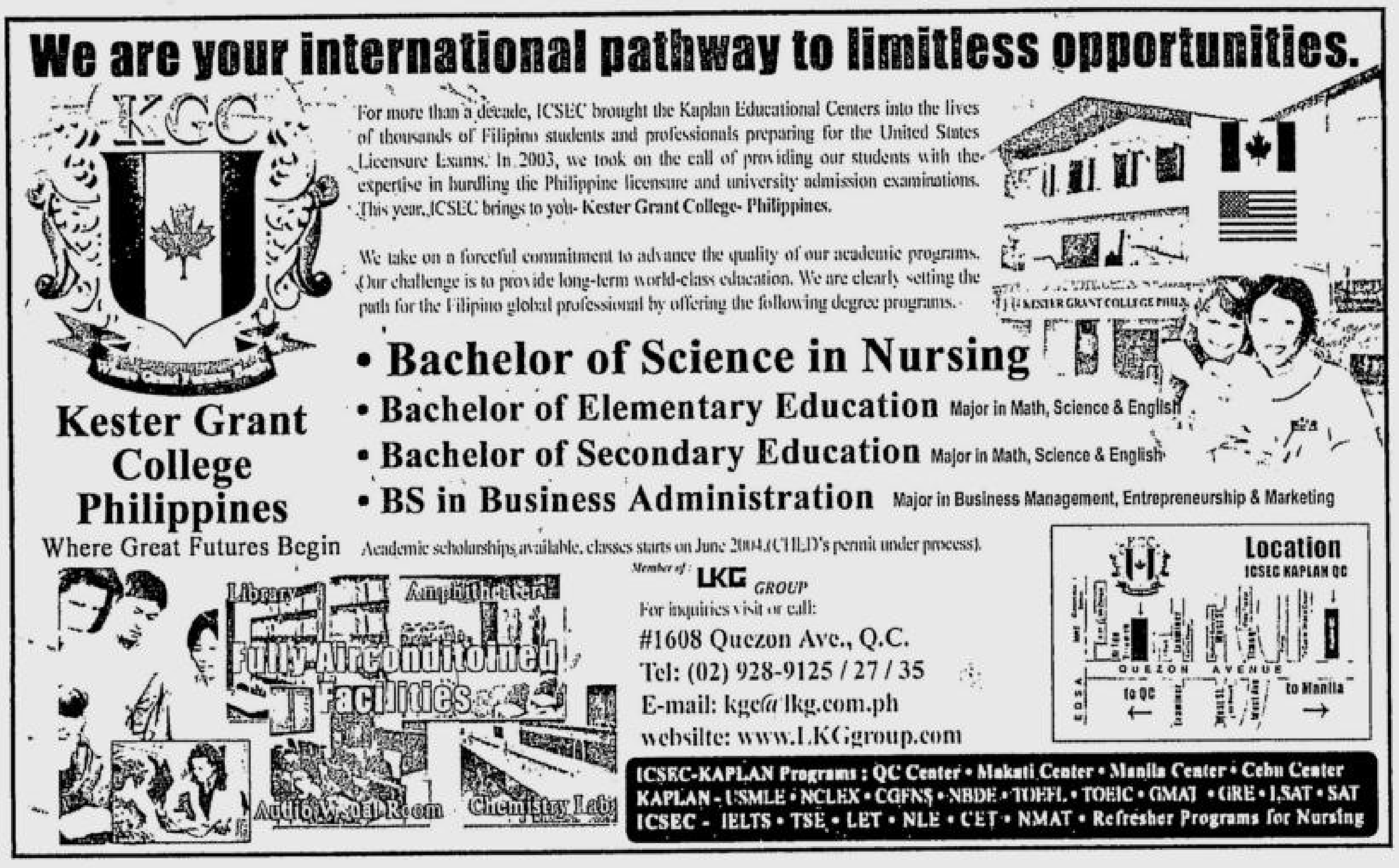

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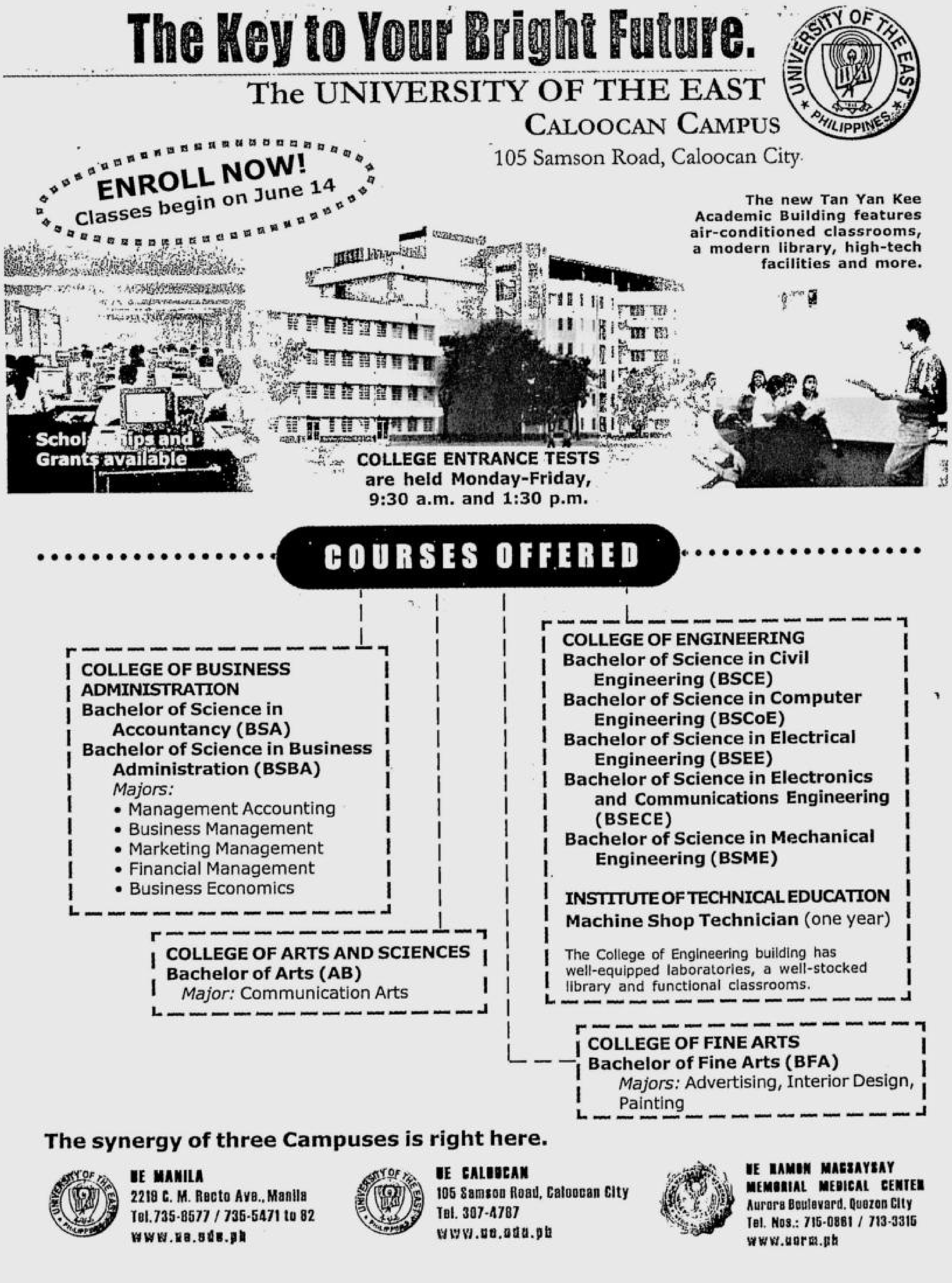

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The College of Dentistry, for its part, now also offers the two-year preparatory program dubbed Associate in Health Science Education, which will prepare students for entry into any of these health courses: Radiologic Technology, Medical Technology, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Nutrition and Dietetics, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Occupational Therapy and Optometry.

In response to the growth of the call center industry, the College of Arts and Sciences-Manila has added to its host of courses the Contact Center Certificate Program.

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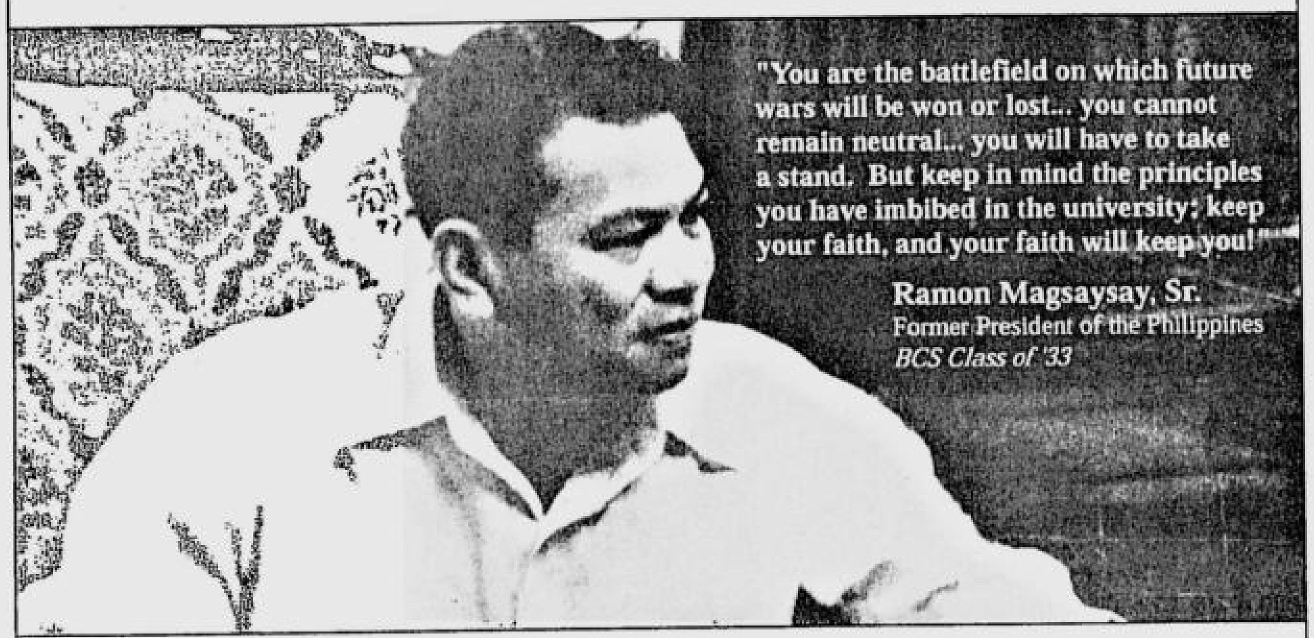

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6) Self-actualization - It is in schools that a student can truly transform into what he or she aspires to become. For example, girls who go to women's colleges like Miriam College can explore their potentials, know their strengths, and realize their full capabilities. It is in their schools that they are allowed to transform into women leaders in service because they are encouraged and empowered to overcome female stereotypes without having the stress that would have when competing with men in a coed school. They even get the added bonus of having mentors like Dr. Loreta Castro, executive director of Miriam College's Center for Peace Education, who helps them find their inner peace and understand the role that they play as peace-keepers in building the nation.

These factors may not show in the receipt of a tuition fee or the report card of a child, but they do add to making "good" education. And that is the true essence of what a holistic education can give-an education that touches not just the mind but the heart and soul of a person. As two other Philippine proverbs go "there is no better possession than education for it cannot be stolen from you" because "a house can be burnt, land can be lost, money can be stolen, but never a man's education."

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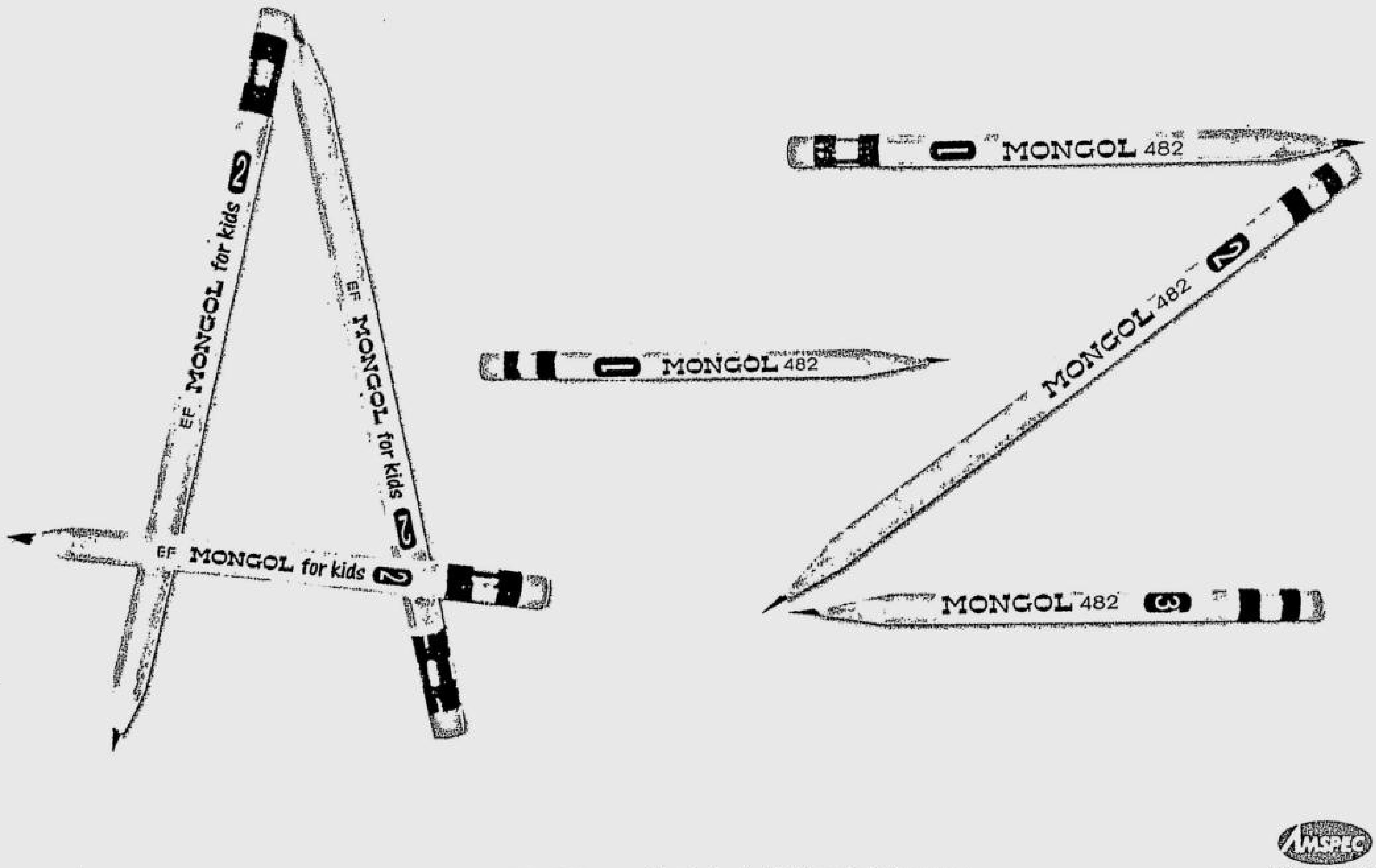

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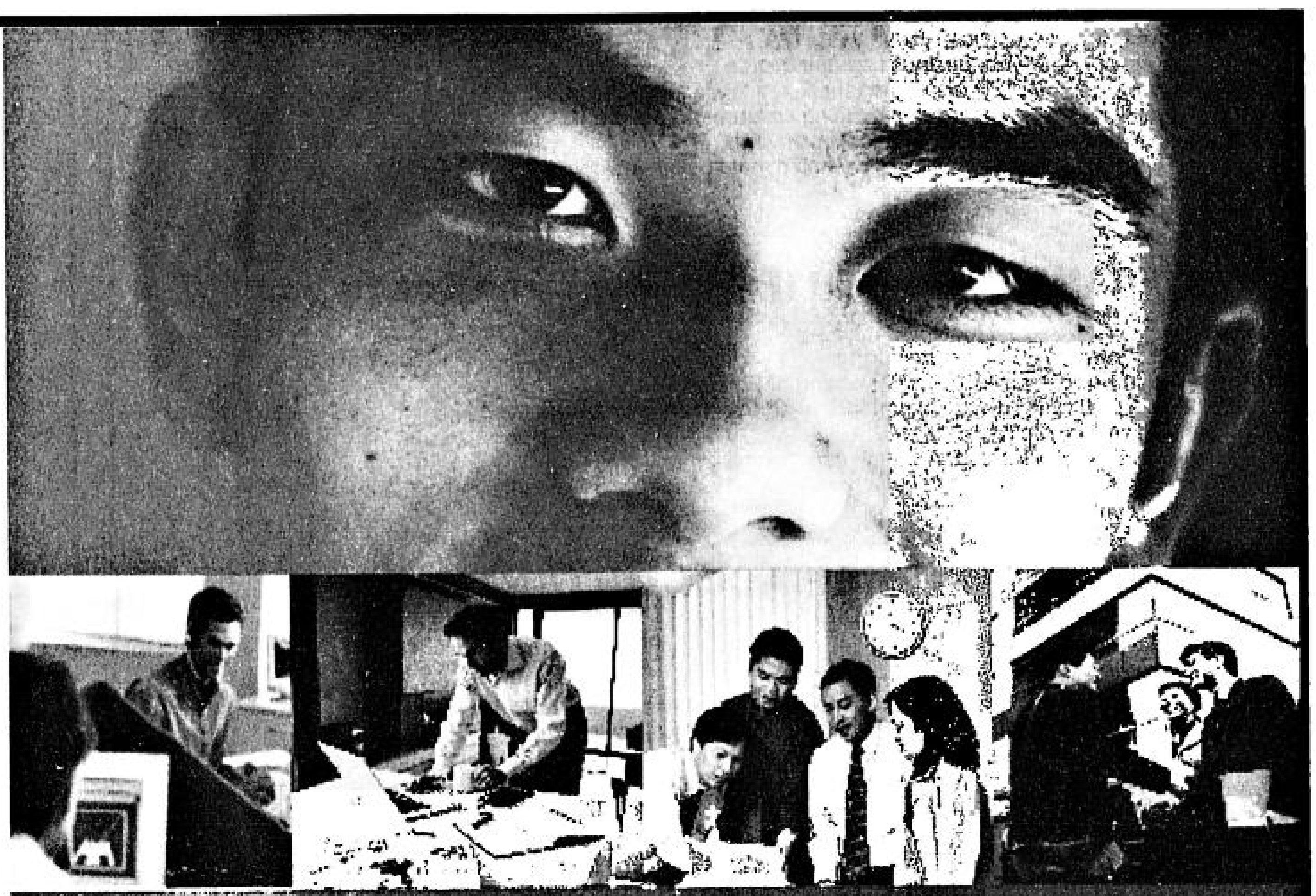

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Excellent written and verbal skills are needed for interfacing with U.S. Engineering counterparts. Test Engineers are responsible for maintaining and repairing analog and mixed-signal test systems as well as developing and improving ATE hardware and software used for production testing of Analog IC's. Test Engineers must be able to demonstrate good problem solving ability since he/she will drive continuous and proactive cost savings projects and manufacturing improvements. Applicant should have solid background in electronics theory and the ability to work with standard laboratory equipment. Computer programming proficiency is preferred. BSECE, BSEE, BS Applied Physics or BS Material Science is required. Experience related to analog, RF, or mixed-signal IC design or testing is desirable. New college graduates are also welcome to apply.

ENGINEERING AIDES

JOB CODE: EA

Candidates are responsible for supporting and maintaining analog and mixed-signal test systems as well as working on hardware used for production testing of Analog IC's. We prefer graduates of Electronics technology, Computer technology or equivalent

SENIOR IC ASSEMBLY & PACKAGING ENGINEER

JOB CODE: SICAPE

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EQUIPMENT ENGINEERS

JOB CODE: EE

Applicants must be a graduate of Mechanical Engineering or Applied Physics. Experience with IC Test Handlers such as Aseco, Aetrium, Rasco, Symtek, and SOT handlers is an advantage. Equipment Engineers must possess strong analytical ability and must be able to study major problems and provide possible course of action. Applicants should be goal oriented, a good team player and willing to work long hours in a competitive environment. New college graduates are also welcome to apply.

EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS

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Applicants must be a graduate of Electro-mechanical Technology or related courses. Experience with IC Test Handlers such as Aseco, Aetrium, Rasco, Symtek, and SOT handlers is an advantage. He must possess skills in modification of jigs and be able to recommend solutions to improve performance. New college graduates are also welcome to apply.

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Bob Rosner

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The Customer Was Always Wrong

ILLUSTRATION BY ANTHONY MISTADES

Several years ago I was on a non-stop flight from Chicago to Seattle when the pilot suddenly announced that we were beginning our descent into ... Las Vegas! I looked around, wondering if I'd somehow managed to board the wrong flight, but all the other passengers looked every bit as surprised as I was. Curious, we waited for the follow-up announcement. And waited ... and waited ... and ... 45 minutes later, after we'd landed in Vegas, a flight attendant announced that an ice storm in Seattle had required the detour and that our flight would continue the following morning.

Apparently the airline didn't think we needed the information earlier. After all, we were only the CUSTOMERS. But you don't have to be much of a gambler to bet that I don't fly that airline anymore: I prefer to be treated with consideration. In every business, screw-ups are unavoidable. The questions below will help you hold onto customers when they do. For more, check out the "Dummies Guide to Customer Service" (ACG, 1999).

Have we made our customers feel understood? I once picked up my favorite coat at the cleaners only to find that an irreplaceable button had been lost. Just as I opened my mouth to "vent" at the woman behind the counter, she said, "Oh, how awful! I'm so sorry! And such beautiful buttons, too! We're going to have to search for a replacement button for you." My anger dissipated instantly. The woman had put herself on MY side. Later she replaced all the buttons with ones that were similar. And I went exclusively to that cleaners for years. Have we been fair? Most customers don't want special treatment; they just want to be treated fairly. That means sometimes giving a little extra to compensate them when they feel aggrieved. Give your employees perks (an extended warranty, a free month of service, an upgrade, etc.) that they can offer to customers who have been wronged. Can we give the customer some control? When customers are frustrated, it's often because they feel a lack of control. ("What do you mean my shipment isn't ready! ") Ameliorate that by giving them control wherever possible: timing, delivery, payment terms, price ... Try asking THEM what would improve the situation. Are we giving them adequate info? Don't make the mistake that airline did. Tell customers the truth even when the news is bad. They'll appreciate your honesty, especially if you use these other tips to soften the blow.

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Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com poll:

Which character best describes your company's approach to customer service?

—Scrooge, 15.1%

—Bart Simpson, 33.7%

—Glinda, the good witch, 47.5%

(Mr. Rosner is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

'Is a grad degree a disadvantage?'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I AM an avid reader of your column because it really gives me ideas on so many things related to work and job hunting. I would like to know whether a graduate degree without work experience is an advantage or disadvantage when it comes to applying for a job.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from a state university, I decided to pursue graduate studies in Engineering from the same school right after graduation. At first, it was simply a way of keeping my mind sharp while reviewing for the board exams but the scholarship, graduate research assistantships, and learning opportunities that were offered later on proved hard to resist. So I went ahead and graduated last October.

Last January, I went on applying to different electronics companies near Metro Manila hoping that somehow, I could get a higher salary rate than a fresh BS graduate. I was accepted in some of them but the salaries they offered were lower than I imagined. More than three months of diligent search went to no avail.

Does it have to do with being overqualified? Are local job engines and job applications by e-mail as effective as airmailed applications? And lastly, what are the advantages and disadvantages of hiring an applicant with a graduate degree from the company's point of view?

Talented yet jobless

Thank you for your letter. I don't have a cut-and-dry answer to your question. Definitely a master's degree can help you perform better on the job because of your academic preparation. However, it is also true that companies put a premium on experience. There is still a gap between theory and actual practice. Then again, vacancies in electronic companies may simply require a bachelor's degree.

I looked over your bio-data. It is indeed impressive. If you were applying with an academic institution you would be a "hire immediately" applicant. You may want to submit this version of your resume to companies with more "sophisticated" engineering requirements. I am taking the liberty of sending your resume to one such client of mine. In case their company has a vacancy, you will get a call.

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'Is a grad degree a disadvantage?'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I AM an avid reader of your column because it really gives me ideas on so many things related to work and job hunting. I would like to know whether a graduate degree without work experience is an advantage or disadvantage when it comes to applying for a job.

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Last January, I went on applying to different electronics companies near Metro Manila hoping that somehow, I could get a higher salary rate than a fresh BS graduate. I was accepted in some of them but the salaries they offered were lower than I imagined. More than three months of diligent search went to no avail.

Does it have to do with being overqualified? Are local job engines and job applications by e-mail as effective as airmailed applications? And lastly, what are the advantages and disadvantages of hiring an applicant with a graduate degree from the company's point of view?

Talented yet jobless

Thank you for your letter. I don't have a cut-and-dry answer to your question. Definitely a master's degree can help you perform better on the job because of your academic preparation. However, it is also true that companies put a premium on experience. There is still a gap between theory and actual practice. Then again, vacancies in electronic companies may simply require a bachelor's degree.

I looked over your bio-data. It is indeed impressive. If you were applying with an academic institution you would be a "hire immediately" applicant. You may want to submit this version of your resume to companies with more "sophisticated" engineering requirements. I am taking the liberty of sending your resume to one such client of mine. In case their company has a vacancy, you will get a call.

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Are we ready?

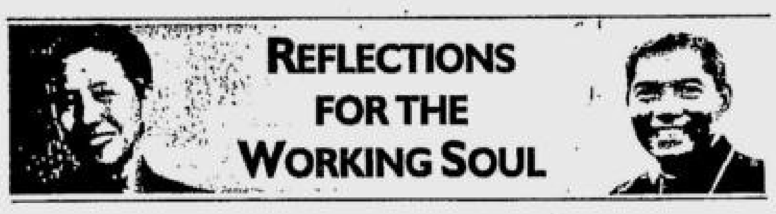
By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

FOR PETER and company, the workplace is the sea. For us who are not fishermen, how may today's gospel story gain relevance in the workplace where the last person we expect to coach us towards productivity is Jesus? How can we "catch fish" when our milieu is filled with machinery, computers, and other gadgets most remote from buoys or fishing nets? And yet, there's a connection, albeit a far-fetched one to the untrained eye.

All night the apostles caught nothing. But when Jesus came and told them to cast their net anew, they obeyed—perhaps out of desperation or a sense of resignation to try anything—who knows, maybe it would work. And it did. They caught more than they could easily haul in—all because they dared obey a "stranger." Remember they didn't realize it was Jesus until later?

Sometimes such strange things happen at work, too. When nothing seems to work anymore and productivity is at an all time low, someone takes the lead and comes up with a weird idea that defies all reason and bingo! the problem is solved. It could be luck, pure chance, serendipity or Divine Providence waiting for the right timing, but anyhow, it happens and everybody heaves a sigh of gratitude for it.

There's another way by which foolproof solutions may be arrived at consciously and deliberately and that is by recognizing Jesus as the leader and doing as He says—yes, even in the workplace. For Jesus, our True Lover, wants only the best for us and would never take advantage of us. But for His solutions to work, our faith is needed. Are we ready to work with Him? (*E-mail the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph)



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Gospel John. 21:1-14

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." ... So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

Enjoy work

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

SIMON Peter and his fishermen-companions caught nothing fishing the whole night. They must have felt too tired and frustrated with the discouraging result of their nightlong labor that "when it was already dawn," they are able to recognize immediately the friendly presence of Jesus whom they saw standing on the shore.

The apostles who worked so hard with Jesus and were deeply hurt because of His suffering and death could not see and enjoy the presence of the same Jesus now raised from the dead. Likewise, many workers sometimes fail to perceive the greater and more meaningful value of their work because of the pains and sufferings of working. After many years of work, tiredness, fatigue, and other discouraging factors resulting from overwork could easily wear out the workers' enthusiasm for the job and even for life itself. There seem to be more workers who over the years suffer nervous breakdown, overstress and a host of psychosomatic ailments than those who grow old gracefully. What can heal us from the negative afflictions of work? How can we enjoy working? The worker, who firmly believes that Jesus is alive and is just "standing" by his side and even working with him as he makes his daily rounds at the workplace, will easily overcome with serenity and peace all kinds of difficulties at work. Recognizing Jesus within himself and in his coworkers, the worker can deal easily with his own personal problems such as bad mood, feelings of insecurity, etc. He can also enjoy solving problems caused by the complexity of the job itself and bear with smile the difficult character of his coworkers. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

Dole urges high school graduates to seek consultation in choosing courses

By Gil Francis Arevalo
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—The Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) Bicol office admitted that it was seriously worried about the massive unemployment and underemployment among graduates of the different private and public schools all over the Bicol Region.

Thus, it strongly warned high school students to consult its staff first concerning in-demand jobs before deciding to take up college courses.

Dole regional director Ma. Glenda Manalo, however, noted that high school graduates find problems if the courses offered to them are not their passion or inclination.

Aside from this, many have also expressed disillusionment over the past surveys that showed increasing unemployment and underemployment rates in the region and in the whole country.

White collar

"High school students should not feel and think that way, since courses taken in college play a major role, especially for those in the provinces, in determining job placements," Manalo said.

She said most students in the provinces prefer to take up courses that promise white-collar jobs after graduation but fail to realize that the region has very few vacancies for this type of employment at this in time and so they end up either being unemployed or underemployed.

Blue collar

The regional labor official disclosed that job placements in the region for the past years were mostly for blue-collar jobs like mechanics, waiters, farm helpers and other jobs that require more physical skills, which are highly in contrast with the courses most students prefer.

International vacancies and opportunities, Manalo said, prefer mostly blue-collar workers rather than white-collar ones.

"The need to orient students on what courses to take up is a necessity, of course. Bicolanos should realize that the region has very limited employment opportunities and if possible, students must take up courses that really answer the need of local and international vacancies for faster placement," Manalo said.

She noted that most students in the Bicol Region prefer to work in Manila and abroad.

In-demand jobs

Manalo said the Dole Bicol office has already publicly issued to all private and public schools in the region the list of in-demand jobs both here and abroad.

She cited the following: nursing, accounting, computer programming, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and production engineering, for professional category.

Other categories

The other categories that have prominence in terms of employment abroad are: technicians and associate professionals (sales representatives, merchandisers, sales counselors and marketing staff/assistants; and clerks (computer/ data encoders, cashiers, secretaries, clerk typists, accounting clerks and stock clerks).

Service workers and shop and market sales workers (food service crew, sales clerks, waiters, sales ladies, baggers, security guards and promodizers) are also in demand.

Positions

Forestry workers, fishermen, field crop farmers, and plant propagator/growers); trade and related workers (welders, sewers, masons, electricians, carpenters, steel men, and electronic fitters); plant and machine operators and assemblers (production operators, drivers, heavy equipment operators, hi-speed sewers, electronic equipment assemblers and machine assemblers); and laborers and unskilled workers and door-to-door salespersons, utility men, janitors, farm laborers and production workers.

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so that you feel knowledgeable about the things that people do. Like Reggie and you Ruth, the kind of questions that you ask makes sense. So, a career requires that you like a combination of interests but there is always a predominant one.

My Trabaho: What is the right age for a person to make decisions about his or her career?

Santamaria: Actually, career awareness should start early in life, as early as elementary. Children should become aware of what people do so that they get an appreciation of what people do and how a person contributes to society.

My Trabaho: Who are successful people you know who became successful because they planned their careers?

Santamaria: Well, I cannot talk about famous people but I know of many people who have attended our career planing workshop and I would say that 75 percent of them are successful. You see, when you seriously plan your career, this is what happens—you may either decide to stay where you are because you realize it's really the career for you or get out and go to another direction or field. Then, you are able to achieve personal mastery and develop expertise in that career. This can apply to a corporate career or an entrepreneurial career.

My Trabaho: So, the career planning workshops that you conduct enable participants to have a clearer vision of where they are and where they want to go.

Santamaria: Yes, correct, where they want to go. Who am I, where do I want to go and how do I go there? These are the three things answered in a career planning workshop.

My Trabaho: Where are your workshops and how do we attend?

Santamaria: "My Trabaho" will be sponsoring one workshop in which participants will be chosen nationwide.

My Trabaho: Actually, today we will draw 30 letter senders from all those who sent their resumes to "My Trabaho" at Job Market and dzRH. They will be given a free career planning workshop to be conducted by Career Systems, Inc. with Ms. Santamaria.

(Names of the 30 beneficiaries of the free career planning workshop will be announced on Wednesday on "My Trabaho at dzRH" which is aired from 3 to 4 p.m. and will be published in next week's edition of Sunday People at Work.)

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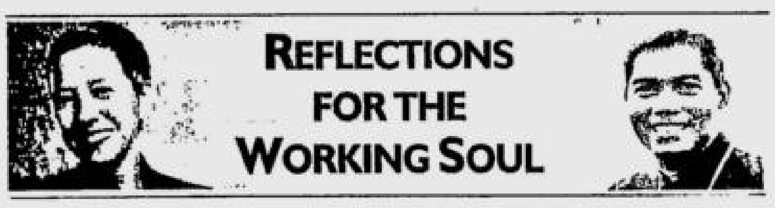


REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Are we ready?

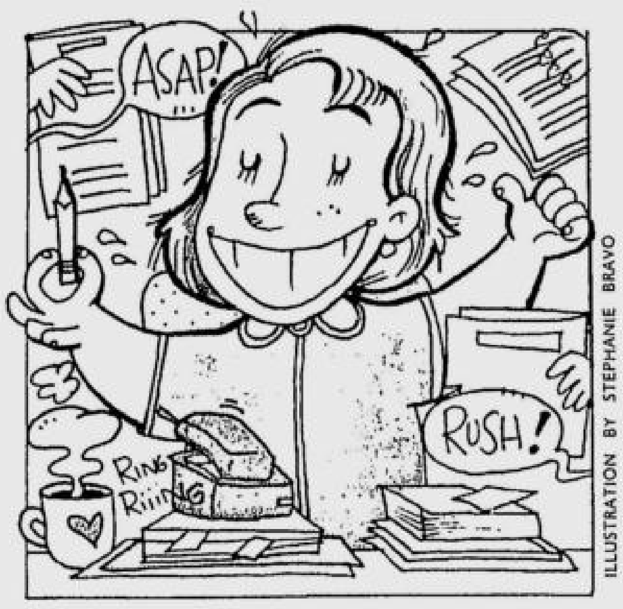
By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

FOR PETER and company, the workplace is the sea. For us who are not fishermen, how may today's gospel story gain relevance in the workplace where the last person we expect to coach us towards productivity is Jesus? How can we "catch fish" when our milieu is filled with machinery, computers, and other gadgets most remote from buoys or fishing nets? And yet, there's a connection, albeit a far-fetched one to the untrained eye.

All night the apostles caught nothing. But when Jesus came and told them to cast their net anew, they obeyed—perhaps out of desperation or a sense of resignation to try anything—who knows, maybe it would work. And it did. They caught more than they could easily haul in—all because they dared obey a "stranger." Remember they didn't realize it was Jesus until later?

Sometimes such strange things happen at work, too. When nothing seems to work anymore and productivity is at an all time low, someone takes the lead and comes up with a weird idea that defies all reason and bingo! the problem is solved. It could be luck, pure chance, serendipity or Divine Providence waiting for the right timing, but anyhow, it happens and everybody heaves a sigh of gratitude for it.

There's another way by which foolproof solutions may be arrived at consciously and deliberately and that is by recognizing Jesus as the leader and doing as He says—yes, even in the workplace. For Jesus, our True Lover, wants only the best for us and would never take advantage of us. But for His solutions to work, our faith is needed. Are we ready to work with Him? (*E-mail the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph)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Gospel John. 21:1-14

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." ... So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

Enjoy work

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

SIMON Peter and his fishermen-companions caught nothing fishing the whole night. They must have felt too tired and frustrated with the discouraging result of their nightlong labor that "when it was already dawn," they are able to recognize immediately the friendly presence of Jesus whom they saw standing on the shore.

The apostles who worked so hard with Jesus and were deeply hurt because of His suffering and death could not see and enjoy the presence of the same Jesus now raised from the dead. Likewise, many workers sometimes fail to perceive the greater and more meaningful value of their work because of the pains and sufferings of working. After many years of work, tiredness, fatigue, and other discouraging factors resulting from overwork could easily wear out the workers' enthusiasm for the job and even for life itself. There seem to be more workers who over the years suffer nervous breakdown, overstress and a host of psychosomatic ailments than those who grow old gracefully. What can heal us from the negative afflictions of work? How can we enjoy working? The worker, who firmly believes that Jesus is alive and is just "standing" by his side and even working with him as he makes his daily rounds at the workplace, will easily overcome with serenity and peace all kinds of difficulties at work. Recognizing Jesus within himself and in his coworkers, the worker can deal easily with his own personal problems such as bad mood, feelings of insecurity, etc. He can also enjoy solving problems caused by the complexity of the job itself and bear with smile the difficult character of his coworkers. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

Dole urges high school graduates to seek consultation in choosing courses

By Gil Francis Arevalo
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—The Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) Bicol office admitted that it was seriously worried about the massive unemployment and underemployment among graduates of the different private and public schools all over the Bicol Region.

Thus, it strongly warned high school students to consult its staff first concerning in-demand jobs before deciding to take up college courses.

Dole regional director Ma. Glenda Manalo, however, noted that high school graduates find problems if the courses offered to them are not their passion or inclination.

Aside from this, many have also expressed disillusionment over the past surveys that showed increasing unemployment and underemployment rates in the region and in the whole country.

White collar

"High school students should not feel and think that way, since courses taken in college play a major role, especially for those in the provinces, in determining job placements," Manalo said.

She said most students in the provinces prefer to take up courses that promise white-collar jobs after graduation but fail to realize that the region has very few vacancies for this type of employment at this in time and so they end up either being unemployed or underemployed.

Blue collar

The regional labor official disclosed that job placements in the region for the past years were mostly for blue-collar jobs like mechanics, waiters, farm helpers and other jobs that require more physical skills, which are highly in contrast with the courses most students prefer.

International vacancies and opportunities, Manalo said, prefer mostly blue-collar workers rather than white-collar ones.

"The need to orient students on what courses to take up is a necessity, of course. Bicolanos should realize that the region has very limited employment opportunities and if possible, students must take up courses that really answer the need of local and international vacancies for faster placement," Manalo said.

She noted that most students in the Bicol Region prefer to work in Manila and abroad.

In-demand jobs

Manalo said the Dole Bicol office has already publicly issued to all private and public schools in the region the list of in-demand jobs both here and abroad.

She cited the following: nursing, accounting, computer programming, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and production engineering, for professional category.

Other categories

The other categories that have prominence in terms of employment abroad are: technicians and associate professionals (sales representatives, merchandisers, sales counselors and marketing staff/assistants; and clerks (computer/data encoders, cashiers, secretaries, clerk typists, accounting clerks and stock clerks).

Service workers and shop and market sales workers (food service crew, sales clerks, waiters, sales ladies, baggers, security guards and promodizers) are also in demand.

Positions

Forestry workers, fishermen, field crop farmers, and plant propagator/growers); trade and related workers (welders, sewers, masons, electricians, carpenters, steel men, and electronic fitters); plant and machine operators and assemblers (production operators, drivers, heavy equipment operators, hi speed sewers, electronic equipment assemblers and machine assemblers); and laborers and unskilled workers and door-to-door salespersons, utility men, janitors, farm laborers and production workers.

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so that you feel knowledgeable about the things that people do. Like Reggie and you Ruth, the kind of questions that you ask makes sense. So, a career requires that you like a combination of interests but there is always a predominant one.

My Trabaho: What is the right age for a person to make decisions about his or her career?

Santamaria: Actually, career awareness should start early in life, as early as elementary. Children should become aware of what people do so that they get an appreciation of what people do and how a person contributes to society.

My Trabaho: Who are successful people you know who became successful because they planned their careers?

Santamaria: Well, I cannot talk about famous people but I know of many people who have attended our career planing workshop and I would say that 75 percent of them are successful. You see, when you seriously plan your career, this is what happens—you may either decide to stay where you are because you realize it's really the career for you or get out and go to another direction or field. Then, you are able to achieve personal mastery and develop expertise in that career. This can apply to a corporate career or an entrepreneurial career.

My Trabaho: So, the career planning workshops that you conduct enable participants to have a clearer vision of where they are and where they want to go.

Santamaria: Yes, correct, where they want to go. Who am I, where do I want to go and how do I go there? These are the three things answered in a career planning workshop.

My Trabaho: Where are your workshops and how do we attend?

Santamaria: "My Trabaho" will be sponsoring one workshop in which participants will be chosen nationwide.

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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK

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Expert identifies ways to find ideal career

By Regina Galang Reyes

My TRABAHO

MY TRABAHO at dzRH interviewed Josefina O. Santamaria, president of Career Systems, Inc., in the second part of discussions on career planning. Career Systems, Inc. is one of the leading consultancy companies in the Philippines providing career development services to individuals and companies. Here is a summary of the interview (translated from Tagalog):

My Trabaho: Last week, we discussed career planning. We learned that career planning is important and that we need to do this several times in our lifetime since our interests and situations change over the years. We should do career planning before we go to college and before we get a job. Then, during the course of our careers, we need to pause and reevaluate our careers to take into consideration midlife changes. My question now is, what if you don't know what you like to do in life or what is your ideal career? How do you find out?

Santamaria: Actually, there are three ways. Number one, observe what work your parents, siblings and relatives do. Then, ask yourself, are these the things that you would also like to do? Work occupies a great part of our time. You spend more time at work than with your family and other things, so it's really something you really have to think very seriously about. Secondly, you really need to undergo self-assessment. Get an interest test. Go to your guidance counselors in school and ask to take the tests. Third, observe people whether in real life or on TV or in the movies.

My Trabaho: Yesterday, I watched a television program—there was a scene where the man said, "That's your job but that's not a career." How do you differentiate a job and a career? How do you know if what you are doing is a job or a career?

Santamaria: That is a good question. The ideal situation is that you should get a job in line with the career that you want. So, when you are applying for a job, it should be in line with your career. Then, when you get it, you can build a career.

My Trabaho: That's right.

Santamaria: Sometimes, when you have a crisis in life, you ask yourself, is this what I want to do for the rest of my life? So, you need to know what career you want. What kind of work do you like to do? You can classify your career interests into four: working with people, working with data or numbers, working with things, equipment, materials and working with ideas. Now, while there are the four possible career interests, many careers are a combination of two or three interests. For example, in psychology, it's not always working with people, sometimes, you need to study human behavior or do psychological research. This involves interviewing, assessing the data about a person and recommending measures. It is important to note that the different career interests can be present in different professions.

My Trabaho: Who is responsible for your career? Is it you or your employer?

Santamaria: Often, employees rely on their employers to guide them in their career path. They expect that the company will decide where to put them. However, there are a few companies who provide opportunities for their employees to determine their own career path.

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JOSIE Santamaria with husband Jorge Santamaria, managing director of Career Systems, Inc.

My Trabaho: Perhaps that is so because Filipinos are usually shy. We don't want to lobby for what we want. We just accept what is given to us. You can see this attitude in applicants. In interviews, they are asked, "What job do you like?" And they often answer, "Whatever is available."

Santamaria: That's true. So, you really have to know yourself. Generally, planning starts in knowing yourself. What is it that you like or don't like? For example, do you like working with data or with people? Usually, they are opposite, if you like working with data, you don't like working with people. If you like working with ideas, you don't like conventional jobs. This is the reason why a career assessment is very important. You also have to consider your personality. There are certain personalities that keep you in a certain career but not for others. For example, in your career in broadcast media, you also need to work with a certain amount of data and not just talk with people

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PEOPLE AT WORK PULSE

Fashion trends at work follow company culture

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This is probably still the line most women—and, believe it, men—say most of the time. And not only when they have some special event to go to, like a date, a wedding, or a trip abroad, but every single morning. As though their only mission in life was dressing for work!

Fashion has become a standard concern—maybe even a quest—for people, who now dress, not simply to clothe themselves as society requires, but to impress, to convince, to sell, to advertise and to express. Fashion, as the reliable Webster says, is the prevailing style during a particular time in a particular place.]

People at Work Pulse was curious to find out what fashion trends, if any, dominated today's workplace. Or whether, in the first place, the workplace could be a venue for fashion trends.

Organizational dressing

How people dress when they go to work, according to research in industrial-organizational psychology, could affect their behavior towards their job, colleagues and even customers. Organizational dressing is also considered as an indicator of organization culture and values. Thus, employees in more traditional companies are expected to observe a more conservative and formal dress code such as tailored styles and neutral colors. Sales and customer service staff dress to project a positive image as front-liners, and this is best regulated by prescribing uniforms. On the other hand, those working in firms that value creativity and innovations are given more leeway in their choice of attire, including styles and colors.

In recent years, a trend towards more casual office dressing seem to have emerged. We see airline personnel sporting t-shirts and shorts in lieu of the more familiar designer outfits. Ladies are in open-toed shoes and sandals instead of silk stockings and pumps. Marketing executives may even be seen wearing shirts with rolled-up sleeves and jeans on Fridays.

One question that we sought to answer was whether mode of dressing at work has also been affected by the winds of change in organizations. Would the transformation of many offices

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Gender Equality Advisor

Coffey Philippines Inc., a local entity providing consulting, administrative and project management services in the Philippines, is seeking a **Gender Equality Advisor (GEA)** for its Philippines-Canada Cooperation Office (PCCO) project to support and promote program-wide gender integration for a donor agency, essentially by:

- providing reliable information and expert advice on national and sectoral level gender issues, including opportunities and risks;
- providing technical assistance and expert advice to specific projects including linking them to suitable Gender resources such as experts, tools, models or references, networks and relevant organizations;
- supporting enhancement of Gender capacity of the Manila Office and its partners; and
- facilitating exchange and sharing of experiences and lessons in Gender mainstreaming implementation.

The consultant should have a university degree, preferably at the masters or doctorate level, or equivalent in social science or other relevant discipline; at least ten years experience in international development work, including demonstrated experience in the following: gender equality policy, gender mainstreaming, gender analysis, planning and programming; program/ project management; and other relevant experience such as developing and applying participatory approaches in consultation, networking, monitoring and research, and working with donor agencies on their gender equality program especially in relation with governance, private sector development and/or environment.

The GEA will be on a part-time consulting engagement, reporting for work at the PCCO Makati office, based on an agreed upon frequency and time. For further details, please refer to the Terms of Reference for this consulting position posted under the Opportunities/Jobs page of the PCCO website (www.pcco.org.ph).

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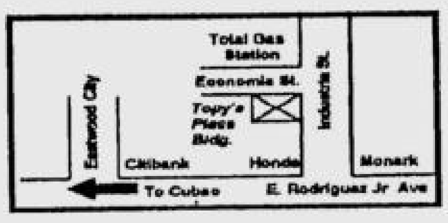

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- With or without experience

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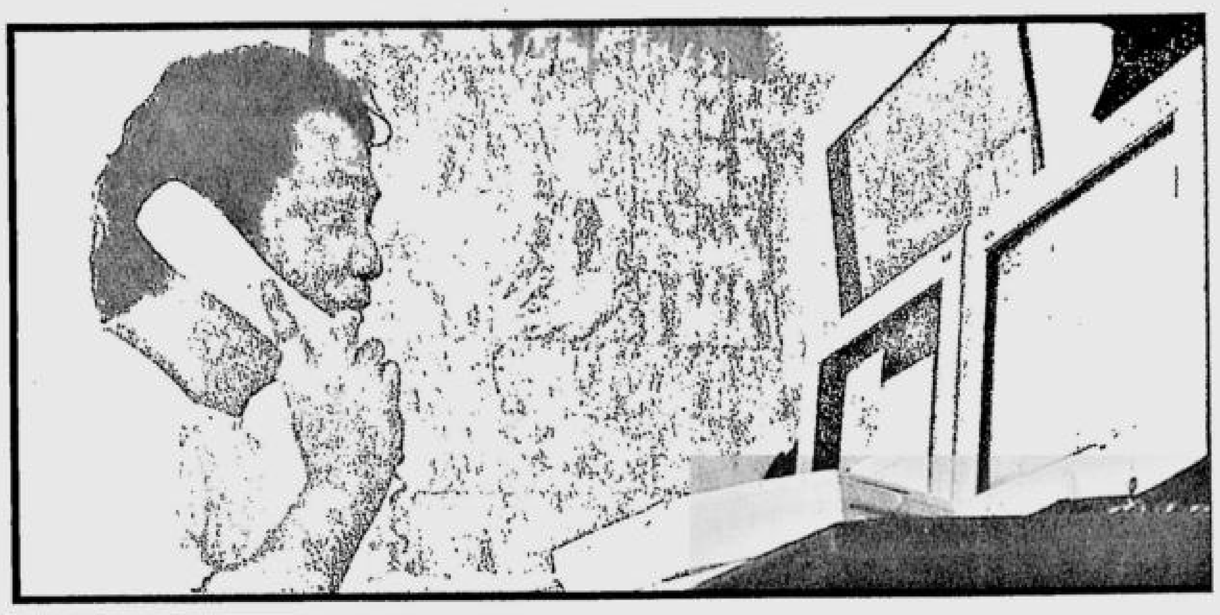

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- ➢ Not more than 30 years old and a graduate of Psychology or any Behavioral Science
- ➢ MA is an advantage but not necessary

Applicants may send their comprehensive resumé & xerox of transcript of records to:

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- Female, not more than 28 years old;
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PROMO MECHANICS:

- Promo period is from February 29 - April 24, 2004
- Promo is open to all Globe, Touch Mobile, Smart and Talk N Text subscribers.
- 5 multiple choice questions will be published every Sunday in the JOB MARKET Section of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.
- TO JOIN and REGISTER: text TQ JOIN <game code><question number><letter of answer> complete name/complete address/sex(M or F)/age and send to 2966 for Globe and Touch Mobile or 3996 for Smart and Talk N Text.
- After the registration the system will send a confirmation message. After which, a participant may answer the succeeding questions using this format: TQ <game code><question number><letter of answer>.
- A confirmation message will be sent after receipt of every answer.
- Each set of questions will have a different game code.
- All questions will be taken from the job placements and ads at the JOB MARKET Section of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.
- Each correct answer will earn the participant the corresponding number of raffle entries.
- The number of raffle entries will vary depending on the question answered.
- Once a question in answered correctly, the system will no longer accept any answer for the same question from the same texter.
- A participant who gets to answer all five (5) questions of the week correctly will earn an additional ten (10) raffle entries.
- Entries will only be valid for a specific week and the other weeks will have a different set of entries.
- Answers will be accepted from 12:00 AM Sunday until 11:59 PM of Saturday.
- The cost of sending a text message to this promo is P 2.50 for post-paid and pre-paid subscribers.
- The prize is P 1,000.00 worth of Gift Certificate from David's Salon.
- There will be four (4) weekly winners and eight (8) raffle draws.
- A total of thirty two (32) winners for the duration of the promo.
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- Prizes will be hand-delivered to the winner.
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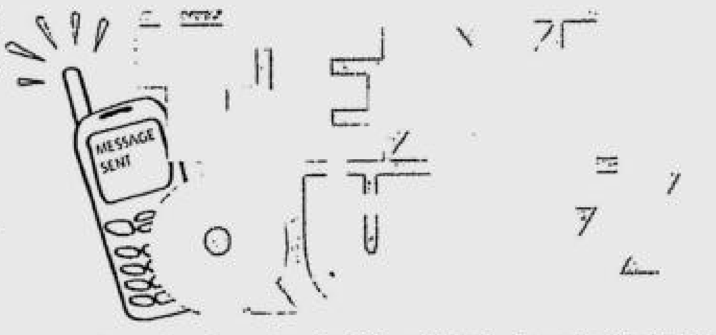

... and get the chance to win gift certificates from David's Salon!

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d. System Support Specialist

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- Experience and working knowledge of the ISM Code; and
- Preferably has completed trainers training (IMO 6.09)

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- ★ Graduate, Business Administration or Commerce major in Accounting
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- ★ 24 to 30 years old

RESTAURANT MANAGER

- ★ HRM graduate
- ★ At least three (2) years relevant work experience in restaurant operations
- ★ 25-35 years old

CAPTAIN WAITERS

- ★ Male, from 26 to 35 years old
- ★ Graduate of a four year college course, preferably Hotel and Restaurant Management
- ★ With at least three (3) years work experience in fine-dining operations
- ★ With outgoing personality, good communication and interpersonal skills and leadership abilities

WAITERS

- ★ Male, from 23 to 30 years old
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Must be self-motivated, a team player, aggressive, analytical and creative.

SALES ASSISTANT

Not more than 25 years old.
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Willing to travel and to go on field work.
Willing to participate in marketing activities (i.e. trade shows, sales training, etc.)
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Possesses excellent presentation skills.
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Preferably Female.
Graduate of any course.
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Will be tasked with the repair and/or replacements of goods
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6) SALES COORDINATOR

- Can communicate in English effectively
- Dedicated and committed to the job
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7) QC INSPECTOR

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The Executive Director is responsible for the leadership and management of the Foundation for the Philippine Environment, a non-profit organization, that exist to be an active, self reliant, sustainable and innovative catalyst of biological diversity conservation and sustainable development of communities in critical sites requiring protection. The Executive Director reports to and works in partnership with a Board of Trustees.

Qualifications:

1. Minimum of five years' experience working in an organization (preferably NGO), including supervising staff and working with a Board of Trustees/Directors;
2. An advanced degree and/or extensive experience in any of the following: environmental science, development management, ecology and related fields;
3. Working knowledge of nonprofit fiscal management, including fund accounting and budgeting;
4. Demonstrated ability in oral and written communications (English and Pilipino), and interpersonal relations;
5. Experience in fund raising and in dealing with local and international donors;
6. Maturity and high degree of energy; and
7. Not over 60 years of age.

Please mail your application letter, bio-data, diploma and transcript of records, with latest 2X2 color photograph, to:

The HRDA Manager
FOUNDATION FOR THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT
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- Ability to create sales and leads, proven ability to close deals
- Good presentation skills

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Reporting directly to the Marketing Manager, the candidate shall be assisting in the areas of Ad and Promos, Events, PR of digital lifestyle devices.

- Male, 20 to 30 years old with at least 6 months work experience
- A college graduate of Marketing or any relevant course
- Good communication and writing skills; proficient in spoken and written English.
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SALES CONSULTANTS

These individuals will be responsible for increasing retail channel sales through sales assistance programs and training of dealers of the features and use of Microwarehouse's Digital Lifestyle Products.

- Female, 20-28 years old with a pleasing personality
- Fluent in English
- Preferably with a fascination and interest on the latest digital products (PDA's, Cameras, Audio devices, etc.)
- Willing to be stationed in retail establishment and transferred on an as-needed basis

JR. TECHNICIAN FOR PDA PRODUCTS

This person will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of various PDA's and other electronic devices.

- Male, 20-28 years old
- Background in Electronics, specifically, computer hardware or cell phone repair
- Fluent in English
- Willing to be stationed in retail establishments and work on weekends and holidays, retail background an advantage

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These people will maintain our ERP, along with other software applications necessary in the daily operations of the company.

- 20-28 years old
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- Knowledgeable in administration of Windows 2000 server, Linux, MS Access and Visual Basic
- 1-2 years background in System Analysis

These requirements are urgent. Please e-mail your resumé to gv@microwarehouse.com.ph or apply in person (bring 2x2 photo, resumé and other credentials) at #4 United Street, Kapitolyo, Pasig City.

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(CODE: TSD/M)

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- Graduate of BS Food Technology or BS Food Nutrition & Dietetics or any related course
- Has baking and culinary experience or in beverage product formulation
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
(CODE: P/M)

- Female, not over 35 years old
- College Graduate (preferably BS Chemical Engineering or BS Food Technology)
- With experience in food manufacturing and repacking
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

MIS-IT STAFF (CODE: F&A/MIS)

- Female/male, single, not over 35 years old
- Graduate of Information Technology, Management Information System, Computer Science or any related computer programming courses
- Has successful experience in CPU programming
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills

SALES STAFF (CODE: S/S)

- Female, single
- 25-35 years old
- College Graduate, preferably with experience in Sales or Marketing
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFF
(CODE: TSD/S)

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Qualified applicants must send their resumé, transcript of records, recent ID picture and other credentials on or before April 26, 2004, to:

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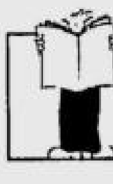

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- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
(CODE: P/M)

- Female, not over 35 years old
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- With experience in food manufacturing and repacking
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SALES STAFF (CODE: S/S)

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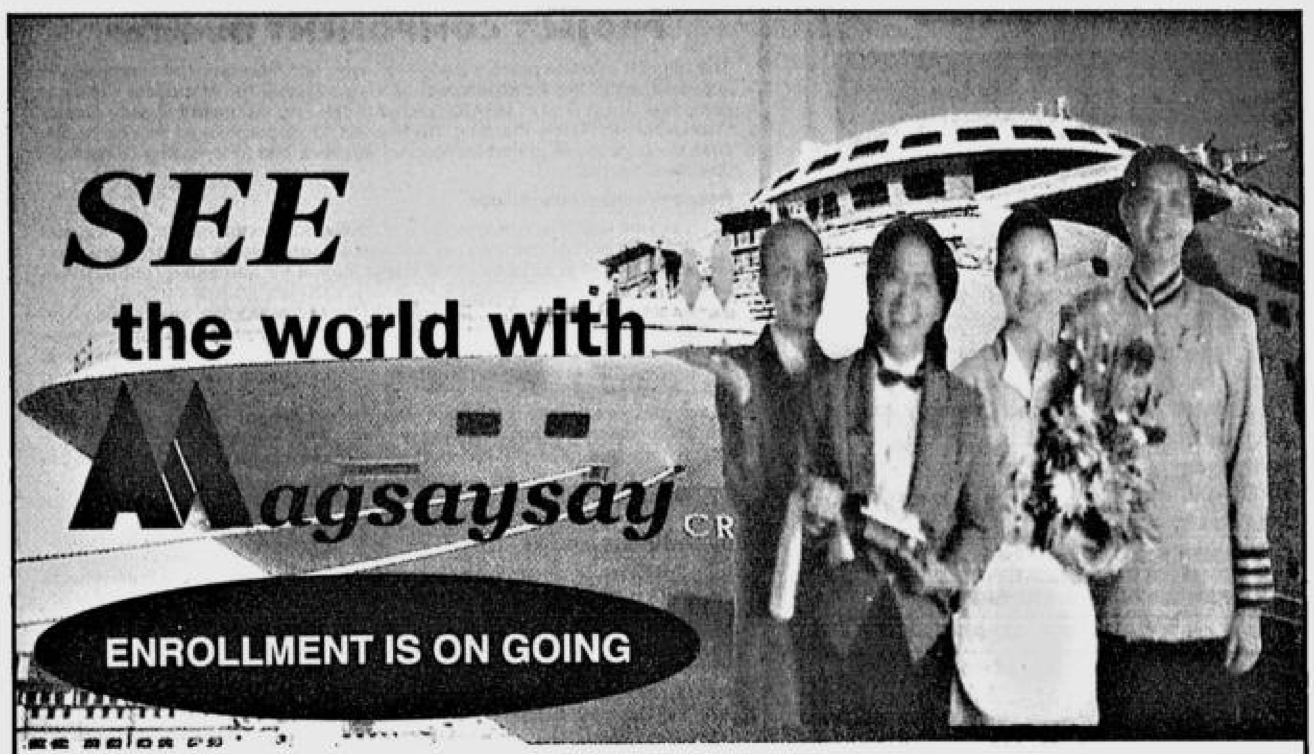

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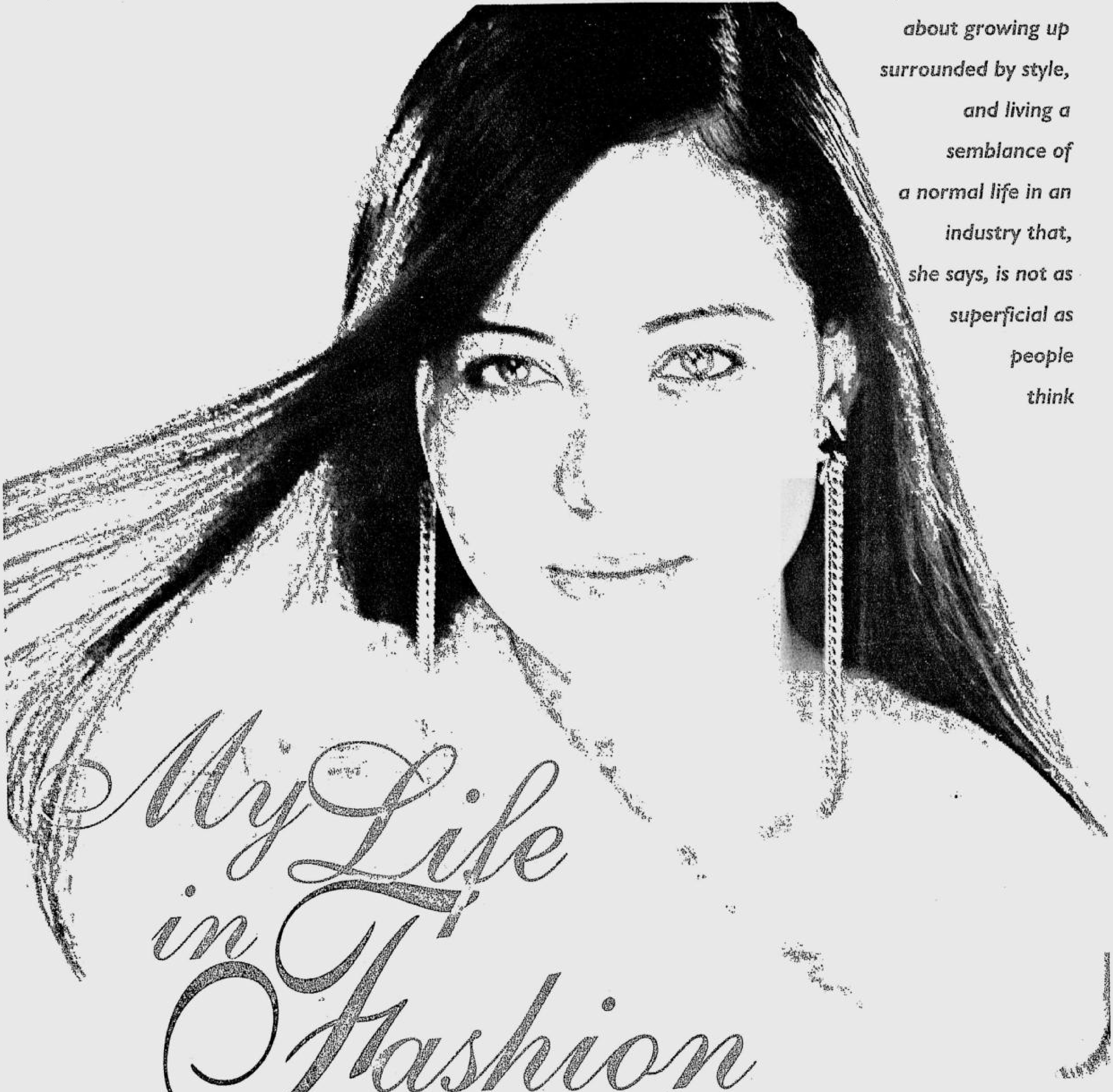
As Pinoy fashionistas celebrate Philippine Fashion Week, Sarah Meier, globetrotting Filipina model, writes about growing up surrounded by style, and living a semblance of a normal life in an industry that, she says, is not as superficial as people think



My Life in Fashion

By Sarah Meier
Photograph by Xander Angeles

I HATE high heels and hairspray. Always have, always will. But don't let this fool you, for high heels and hairspray are the bread and butter of fashion, and fashion, sometimes uninvited, has managed to waltz into every aspect of my 22-year-long life.

Some say it was inevitable that I'd find my way into the industry. Some of my earliest memories were of advice on how to brush my hair so as not to get bald spots, and how to massage my neck in an upward motion to prevent sagging skin. Trade secrets are always a lady's treasure, but looking back, I realize that there are consequences to telling a four-year-old these things. That was the year I bagged my first job as a fitting model for Esprit, and bought myself a pink three-wheeler BMX bike with the pay check.

My first fashion show came a little after my sixth birthday, and by the time I turned seven, and all the girls in my class were giggling about how cute Jason Donovan was, I already knew that Shu Uemura was a makeup genius. At a stage when P.E. is the only abbreviation you're supposed to be dealing with, I was fully aware that YSL, LV, and RTW weren't merely letters. Yet it was, and still is, quite colorful being Electrika's daughter—model mom, model child.

My first experience with Fashion Week, then, should come as no surprise. In my mother's tummy, I sashayed with her down the ramp in Hong Kong's celebrated annual runway spectacle. I would have loved to tell you what that show was like—what we wore, what our makeup looked like—but I don't remember much from my days as a fetus.

Fast forward about 16 years, though, and I'll give you a glimpse of exactly what Fashion Week means to me, and should mean to you. High school graduation and the months after it always brings back a picture of kids packing, hopping on a plane, and adorning college dorm rooms with memories of home. I'd like to think I lived a similar life, though my dorm rooms were model's apartments all over the globe, and my classmates were all picture perfect and full of silly beauty routines like the ones I'd learned as a toddler.

Hungry but alive

While the old senior class wandered around their respective campuses, I had a city map, transportation card, and the agency's number on speed dial in my cellphone. High heels and portfolio in tow, my whole life stuffed in a suitcase, I remember never having been so hungry, so exhausted, yet so alive.

The role of teacher in my simulated college life was one adopted by many—my parents, of course, had a never-ending supply of words of caution, faith and support. Yet outside my family, there was someone who took it upon himself to monitor every move of my career, explain the options at every crossroad, and ex-

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By blending bamboo and handwoven cloth from Ilocos into fashionable bags and purses, Ifugao native Rovilyn Mayat-an bagged herself a winning formula for business

TO this day, Rovilyn Mayat-an remains mystified by how fate has delivered her on several occasions from the maws of despair. After hitting rock bottom more than once, this Ifugao native marvels at how her small business, Mayat-an Handicrafts, has become a multi-million peso enterprise.

But a closer look at her story should tell you that more than luck, it was Mayat-an's determination to improve her lot that saw her through the bleak times. That, and hard work.

Seated amidst a just-opened sack of freshly woven baskets from Ilocos Sur, Mayat-an surveyed her living room-turned-production area. It was after school hours, and in another corner of the room were her children, sorting out wild bamboo strips to be used for weaving baskets. Close to the window, two women sewers were busy cutting and fashioning woven cloth into bags.

Mayat-an's crafts first gained notice for blending two ethnic produce of Northern Luzon—earth colored bamboo and native woven fabrics—in handwoven items that range from fashion handbags to backpacks and purses. "I have seen President Arroyo using my bag in one of her television appearances. So was Che-Che Lazaro," says Mayat-an with pride. She then brings out a bamboo bag from where she lifts out a smaller bag and still another. "These have just arrived, and they are packed this way so they're more compact and easier to carry," she explains. "Now we spread them out under the sun so they'll be completely dry."

Earning her own money, says Mayat-an, had always been a part of her childhood. "When I was in grade 3, I used to bring candies to sell in school. Then in third year high school, I took a summer job at Puyat Farms where we harvested strawberries. Even when our styrofoam containers became heavy with produce, an Israeli foreman kept pushing us to keep going," she recalls. "I would cry while picking strawberries. Until an old woman told me that was how a farmer lives, and I thought of my own parents who were peasants themselves."

Despite that, Mayat-an did not have to work for money. Back in Banaue, Ifugao where she comes from, her parents supported her. When she was in Baguio, she stayed with her elder sister. But she enjoyed working and getting paid for it, she says.

Mayat-an studied at Benguet State University (BSU), where she finished a course in Agriculture. It did not seem to be her line, but told back home that it was useless to send her to school because she might just get herself pregnant, she was challenged to prove them wrong.

Her classmates and teachers turned out to be her test market. Coming back from Banaue after her school break, Mayat-an donned ethnic accessories and clothes that fascinated the people around her. "Throughout the semester, my classmates would gradually strip me of my ethnic stuff, offering to buy them off me. By the time I went home for another break, all my accessories would be gone," she says. It was the early '90s, and she realized back then that what seemed ordinary items back home were exotic fashion to city dwellers. Not content with the money she earned from this unintended business, Mayat-an also sold snacks at the Puyat Farms, earning a thousand pesos a day. She also dutifully supplied 20 kilos of chayote to market vendors from which she earned her daily fare and snack money.

Such financial independence might have encouraged her to strike out on her own, because Mayat-an got married even before she graduated from college. "He did not come to my graduation and I was very hurt," she confides. "That started our first fight." Their vastly dif-

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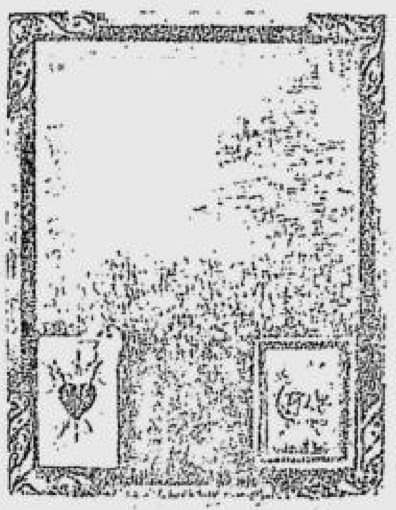

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KUDOS TO THIS GLORIA

I want to congratulate you for coming up with a wonderful Sunday magazine. Your articles, week after week, have always been great reads. I've e-mailed you on this particular occasion, though, because of the article titled "Their Dogged Determination" (SIM, 28 March 2004) by Alya Honasan.

I've always loved animals, and the story of Gloria Melencio touched my heart. In a culture that has confused views on animals, I greatly admire her for doing what is right, no matter the risk to herself and her family. We need more people like her, not only to show people the right way but to give us hope that all is not lost. Thank you for sharing her story with us. That being said, I wonder if there's a way for me to contact Melencio just to say that she is not alone and that there are people rooting for her. I would appreciate it if you could send contact details that I could use to show my support.

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ASTOUNDING AGOT

I would like to commend your feature story regarding Agot Isidro "The Education of Agot," SIM, 4 April 2004). She is really an astounding woman. She has a beautiful mind and face. She is a well-respected artist. She proved to us that a woman in her 30s shouldn't be bothered if she is still single. Indeed, she is right. A woman doesn't need a man to complete her. Just enjoy life by simply indulging in your interests such as reading good books.

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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

A Commitment or A Relationship?

I don't want to blame my boyfriend, but it hurts that he can't leave this girl. He's always telling me that he needs time because it's not that easy

Dear Joe,
I'm 19 and currently in a relationship with a guy six years my senior. My boyfriend, however, has had another girlfriend for the past four years. I knew about it because he's the older brother of a friend; in fact, I would call him kuya *whenever we bumped into each other. But then I would also see this girl whenever I visited my friend.*

After several months, I received a text message from this guy saying he missed me. Soon we were seeing each other even though I knew he had another girl.

Joe, we are about to celebrate our first year anniversary, can you believe that? Not all my friends know about this relationship because I know they wouldn't approve of it. One of my friends even asked how I can stand knowing there's another girl around. And worse, that girl often sleeps in his house after work.

Joe, I am so confused. I tried very hard to make this relationship work. I don't want to blame my boyfriend, but it hurts that he can't leave this other girl. He's always telling me that he needs time because it's not that easy. But I have already given so much. I know the longer I allow myself to be in this relationship, the harder it will be for me to let go.

I have thought of leaving him but I know that I am deeply in love with him. Please, help me, Joe. I do not know how to handle this anymore. What do I do now?

Angela

Angela,

They say that, sometimes, the best way to show our love for someone is to set them free, even if it means that we will be left alone. The hardest part of loving is letting go. I believe that there is no point in holding on to someone whom we cannot keep in our heart.

Your boyfriend probably makes you feel that he loves you. But the fact is, he loves his girlfriend more. It is as simple as that. A man can make a thousand excuses not to break off with someone. I don't think he has any intention of leaving his other girlfriend. He is a lucky guy because he's in two relationships without having to worry about one party finding out. You got into this fully knowing about his girlfriend and fully consenting to this arrangement. Angela, you are making it too easy for him to betray his girlfriend. He shares a commitment with her and he is just into a relationship with you.

You know you are on the losing end, Angela. I don't think that love alone is an acceptable reason to keep yourself entangled in this three-way relationship. The longer you stay, the harder it will be to let go and the more painful it will be to turn your back on him. But I don't think there is any other way but out.

Angela, give yourself a chance. You deserve someone who can love you with as much commitment as you have for your boyfriend. If you truly want to be happy, then don't stay in a relationship ruled by selfishness and greed. Remember, only those who know how to let go when it's time to let go, even if it hurts, can move on and find the love that can stay in their hearts forever. Q

My Life

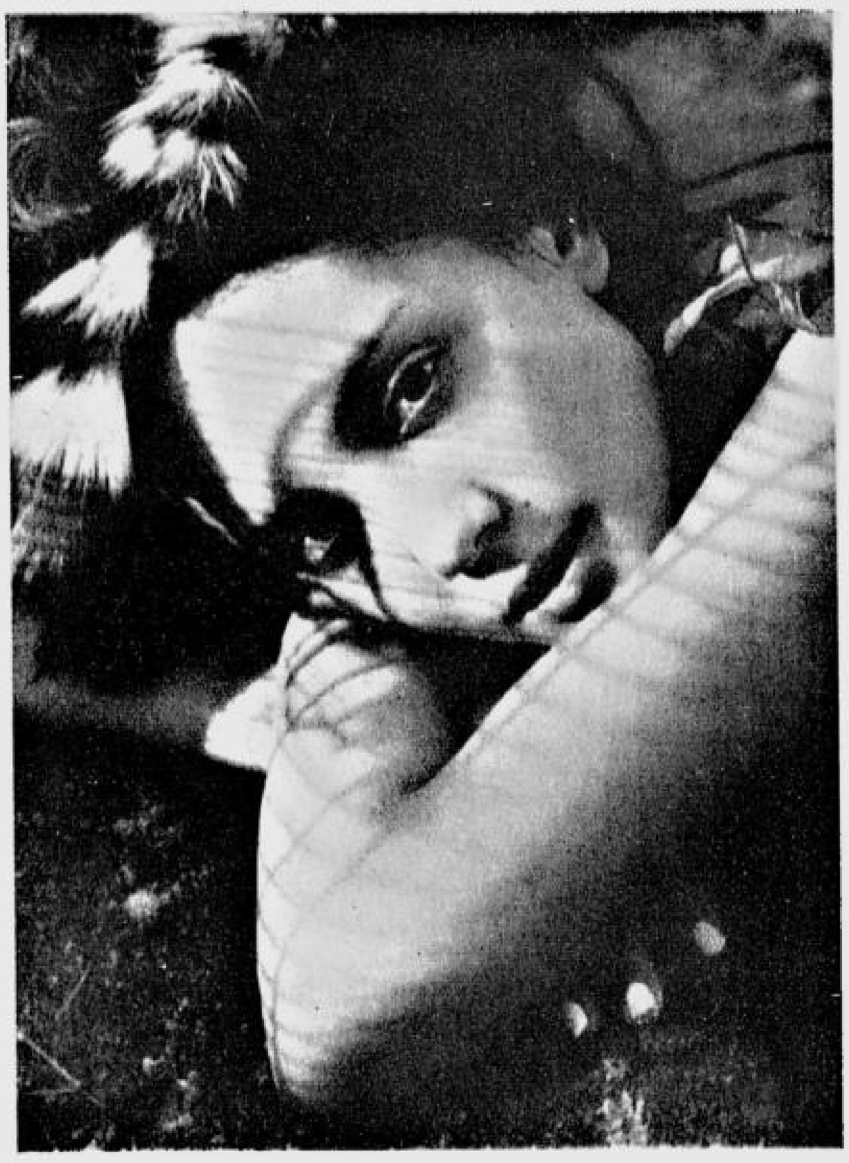
...from page 1

pend his hard-earned knowledge about the fashion world. Joey Espino told me early on that whatever I wanted, with patience, perseverance, and a prayer, I could have. I was 16 years old.

Half-jokingly, I told him I wanted to be a jet-setter, a cover girl, a role model, an MTV VJ and a teenage millionaire. He smiled, said okay, and told me to just believe. This was when I joined CalCarrie's Philippines in 1998.

A year later, we had a check mark next to each and every one of my once seemingly unfathomable dreams. Now, six years down the road, Joey and the agency still have an impeccable record in my book. And the same holds true of our Hong Kong and Singapore counterparts. In a field where models change representation as quickly as they do clothes, I'm proud to say I trust my mentors, and continue to have a relationship with them that gets stronger as time goes by.

It's been a beautiful ride, and the memories are endless: a two-and-a-half week trip to India for a magazine shoot, where I went through everything from freezing outside the Taj Mahal in a tube gown, running through the public markets of Jaipur to get the perfect shot, and riding atop a camel in the desert of Jaisalmer, to taking in the serenity at the Lake Palace of Udaipur, where Roger Moore and Maud Adams once sat for the shoot of the James Bond flick, "Octopussy." Flying back to Singapore and walking into an apartment where my Brazilian roommate, Jean Pierri, had an accident with the washing machine and had converted our kitchen into a swimming pool. Jetting off to Hong Kong for a few days, which was just enough time for three fashion shows, a shoot, and absolute mayhem at the model's pad over there. Fellow Filipina and CalCarrie model Teresa Herrera staggered back into the apartment after getting bonked on the head by a glass pane on the set of her movie shoot, Ray almost set the couch on fire, Jay spent about an hour explaining to 16-year-old Nick that we could not have pizza four times a day, Noelle decided to pass on her flight to Tokyo only to realize she had missed a one-in-a-million shoot, Gayle's suitcase was there but she never was, and then before I knew it, it was time for me to head back to the Lion City again.



Fashion as self-expression: A beauty shot for Elle Magazine

Mannequin moments: A younger Sarah working the runway; below, on location in the deserts of India

In Alek Wek's shoes

This time it was castings, fittings, and fashion shows galore, from the Anna Molinari show, to Versace, to Moschino (where I tore my stockings and got enough spray in my hair to cost me two bottles of shampoo and conditioner), to Anteprima (where my top slid off), to the Armani Exchange show. Then there was Christian Dior, which was a tale of its own—this show was an exact replica of the one held in Manhattan just nights prior; the 40 sets of clothes were coming fresh from New York, so we had nothing to fit until hours before. When they finally got there, labels with the models' names were still on them. My shoes said "Alek Wek." They also happened to be one of the 20 pairs that did not snap on the ramp that night. (When I caught Alek's eye in Times Square recently, I almost went up to her and thanked her. For what, I'm not exactly sure.)

Anyway, aside from half the girls limping off the catwalk that night, it remains one of my all-time favorite shows, not to mention the after-party of all after-parties, too. Come sunrise, I had to kiss the models goodbye, cab it back to our now dry apartment and stuff my life back into my suitcase for a flight back to Manila. You see, that day was the first day of Philippine Fashion Week.

The beauty of the backstage buzz is one that many have tried to immortalize, but no words, no video can capture what it's truly like. Ducking under the curtain that day, coming straight from the airport and having been away from home for months—to see, in the midst of that vibrant energy, Manila's mannequins, my friends, my pseudo family—it's an emotion quite unlike any other. I find peace in the hustle and bustle that lies in the wings of fashion shows here; passion-driven pandemonium, stress epitomized, yet this is where I find the most radiant smiles I've ever seen. Friendships are made and strengthened. Inspiration is free for the taking. Blood, sweat, and tears are shed to concoct what some call a fashion show. Truth is, Fashion Week, and all it consists of, amount to so much more.

You know when Audie Espino is back from Sydney. There's just a different energy about town. Things speed up a little, models walk a little straighter, and the stage crew doesn't take as many cigarette breaks. This is because Audie, Joey's brother and Philippine Fashion Week Executive Producer, is a perfectionist. The fact that money is hard to come by for the creative sector of our society is nothing new; starving artists have been around for centuries. The same holds true of fashion designers. Audie recognized this early on, and with the hope of creating a platform for Filipino designers to showcase their workmanship without the financial burden, he embarked on a mission to stage the debut of Fashion Week in the Philippines. Designers have since utilized the Fashion Week runway as a podium, and many a model has launched a career off that very same ramp.

Support for the local industry

It is for those very reasons that my personal wish is for brand managers and executives in our country to continue to help raise the standards, by lending their support to their homegrown fashion industry. There is Singapore, immaculate and calculated in everything, from trees to coats of mascara. Where women trod up and down Orchard Road effortlessly in their three-inch designer stilettos. Where, in a country merely three times the size of Washington D.C, fashion shows and shoots are abundant, and all utterly spectacular.

Then we see Hong Kong. Controlled chaos, organized confusion. The place of my birth, and that of my fashion passion, as well. This is the Asian city in which models eat, sleep and breathe brand names. The city in which makeup artists are paid enough to drive around town in a Ferrari. The fashion capital of the continent, where one fashion show's pay can be almost 15 times the yearly salary of a minimum wage worker in the Philippines. That's two hours' work, excluding overtime. Hong Kong is the king of retail, the queen of creative perfection, the master of technique.

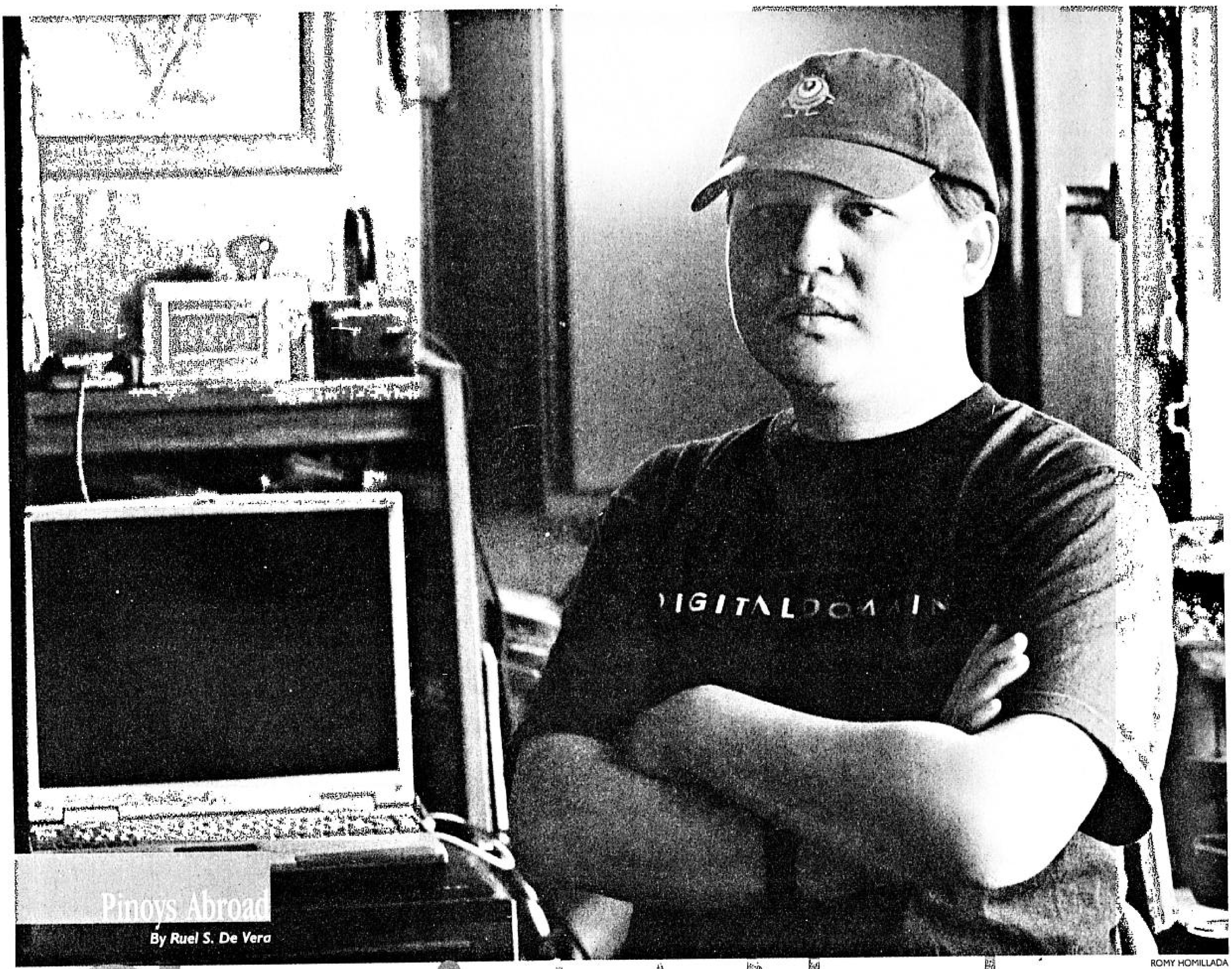
And then, there lies Manila. Heart of the Philippines, a country that boasts of color, smiles, and beauty. Home of the most amazing array of natural materials, traditions and culture so rich it would take a lifetime to comprehend. Native soil of a people whose creativity is prevalent in everything, from children's games to the palm huts they sleep in at night.

This is the fabric that beautiful things are made of. Perhaps my personal story is slightly off the beaten path from everyone else's, but there are still things that remain a constant in all our lives. In mine, the seed was planted early on, but all it takes is to look around Manila and see the new generation, hungry for trends, creating their own, to understand that fashion is not as superficial as some deem it to be.

Progression, adapting to the times, looking and feeling good, self-expression—this is what fashion really is. This is what has driven our Asian counterparts to fiscal freedom, and with the help of our very own Philippine Fashion Week, perhaps we too are on the brink of becoming a nation that strengthens, by fusing our past and our present, to lead us into the future.

On that note, I will see you at the Philippine Fashion Week. Maybe I'll even be in high heels and hairspray. But remember that though they have never quite tickled my fancy, what they stand for is the story of my life.

Philippine Fashion Week runs until April 30, 2004 at the NBC Tent, The Fort.



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Pinoys Abroad

By Ruel S. De Vera

Cham's Lucky Numbers

Software engineer Cham Fong uses math to create some Hollywood movie magic

DIFFERENT kinds of magic happen behind the silver screen in Hollywood. Yet one of the most potent guilds of screen sorcerers does not use incantations like Harry Potter's *"Wingardium Leviosa."* Instead, the group mixes imagination and mathematics to make the impossible happen. They make people fly in thin air and make fictional creatures snort and slither about. They are the visual effects engineers.

And thus Chamberlain "Cham" Fong is a magician in his own right, with evocative equations at his command. The 29-year-old software engineer is quick to deflect any kind of praise, but the fact is that he works for Digital Domain, the big Hollywood effects house. It is the same Digital Domain that James Cameron (yes, *that* James Cameron) and two others founded in 1994, eventually doing effects for such blockbusters as "Titanic" and "Apollo 13." Definitely a cool place to work.

Yet even as Fong now walks through Digital Domain's hallways, he still remembers how art sparked all this. "Deep down inside, I feel that I'm an artist trapped in an engineer's body," he says. Though he wanted to be an artist first, he says he has grown proud of being an engineer. "I've learned to love it.

"I'm just a small piece and I'm in the back where it's unglamorous. I don't mingle with the stars," he says of his work in Hollywood in his very measured, deliberate manner. "But for an effects movie to be successful, even if the work we do is just one minute out of the entire film, it's a key ingredient."

Pre production

Fong is the second of four children of businessman Carlos and Lily Fong. "I always loved movies," he recalls. "But I was more of a comics person. I loved comics and cartoon strips. I even made my own comics when I was younger. That kept me busy throughout elementary school. Then I'd distribute it among my friends."

He loved drawing but realized his limitations and strengths very early on. "I discovered that my art skills are not as good as my math and science skills," he remembers. He finished high school at St. Jude Catholic School in San Miguel, Manila before majoring in Physics and Computer Engineering at the Ateneo. But Fong could only stay there for two years as his family migrated to the US in 1993.

After a brief foray working, he returned to academics—very successfully. At San Francisco State University, Fong graduated with a degree in mathematics, *summa cum laude*. From San Francisco, he took the subway and attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering, and followed it up with a master's degree in the same discipline in 2000.

As he specialized in microprocessors and hardware, Fong attended a presentation by Industrial Light and Magic (ILM, the effects house spawned by George Lucas) in grad school about the making of the movie "Mission to Mars." Fong looked at how the effects were done and realized he knew what the ILM people were talking about. "I can do that," he remembers telling himself. "What they're doing is cool." He attended a conference on computers graphics and effects, shopping around his resume. Digital Domain was one of the companies at the conference. "After I distributed my resumé, I didn't hear from most of the companies," he says with a laugh. Though he had never heard of the effects industry until he was in college, Fong now wanted to work in it.

Though he didn't get the ride to Hollywood—at least, not yet—Fong made an entrance instead into the video game industry. "I wound up programming games for PlayStation and XBox," he explains. At video developer Blue Shift, Fong worked as a general animator on a game called "World Series Baseball." He enjoyed his stint at Blue Shift but didn't particularly like baseball. After less than a year at Blue Shift, Fong finally got the call. Digital Domain wanted him. "I was surprised to hear from them because it had been such a long time and my resume was already really out of date."

A trip to Venice

Fong then began work at Digital Domain's Venice, California headquarters in early 2002. "I saw 'Titanic' and I knew about Digital Domain," he says. As part of the technical staff, Fong writes "custom software and plug-ins for the animators to use." Thus, he plays a part in providing the means for those eye-popping visual effects and computer-generated images (CGI) that eventually appear in the big movies, essentially coaxing miracles from machines.

In case you're wondering, Fong made contributions to the movie "Daredevil" (yes, *that* Daredevil). Digital Domain shared the effects chores in that movie with Rhythm & Hues, but Fong got to help out by, in his words, "integrating" the effects in the scene where Daredevil (Ben Affleck) uses the vibration in the rain to catch a glimpse of Elektra (Jennifer Garner). "It's a little bit mushy but I liked the effect," he says. Fong even snuck into a moviehouse to see how the audience reacted to that scene. "I didn't even look at the movie because I had seen it 50 times already." But he says that it's truly gratifying to see your work appear on the big screen at last.

He also had a few more tricks up his sleeve. Fong used a mathematical formula for Computational Fluid Dynamics to help create realistic waves for the currently-showing P.J. Hogan adaptation of "Peter Pan," a movie in which Digital Domain did the effects work together with ILM and Sony Pictures Imageworks. More of his work will be on display when Roland Emmerich's disaster movie "The Day After Tomorrow" unspools in cinemas later this year, though one can already see the fruits of Fong's work in that impressive wave in the trailer. Fong also had a hand in some TV commercials, including a Nike football ad and a robotic spot for the Adidas A³ shoe.

Post production

Though he spends most of his time slaving away—crunching numbers, so to speak—in front of a computer monitor, being part of the Hollywood food chain does have its joys. "There are some perks like you get to hear industry rumors," he says with a smile. "You even get to read scripts before the movies are shot."

Fong obviously loves his effects as his favorite movies ("The Empire Strikes Back," "Total Recall" and "Back to the Future") are sci-fi flicks. A confessed disorganized person who's a techie by heart, Fong now lives near the beach in Los Angeles where, in his spare time, he bikes, plays computer games and reads books. "Grand Theft Auto" is his all-time favorite game. Definitely a cool life to live.

In the country recently for a vacation, Fong says he still treasures his Filipino roots, adding that he prefers to come back every three years at least. "This is where I grew up, so this is still home."

When it comes to work, however, Fong seems to have found his niche. He sees himself staying in Digital Domain for a while. In fact, he's currently working on a top-secret movie. "But it's interesting and I'd like to see it to its fruition."

Possibilities still await him. "I'm happy with the effects industry but sometimes I do miss the videogame industry," he says. He might go back to videogames someday. "I see a convergence, where we will have movies that can have arbitrary camera angles, for example. I can foresee that happening." He also doesn't plan to move away from the technical side of movies, entrusting the business decisions to those in the know. "I want to work with equations and algorithms."

And the numbers have all added up for him. Now he loves working in the industry, especially when he sees the effects come to life, when CGI and animation inject reality into the fictional and give movies their wings. "It gives me a kick and a reason to get up in the morning," Fong says with a smile. "It's like there's new meaning to life."

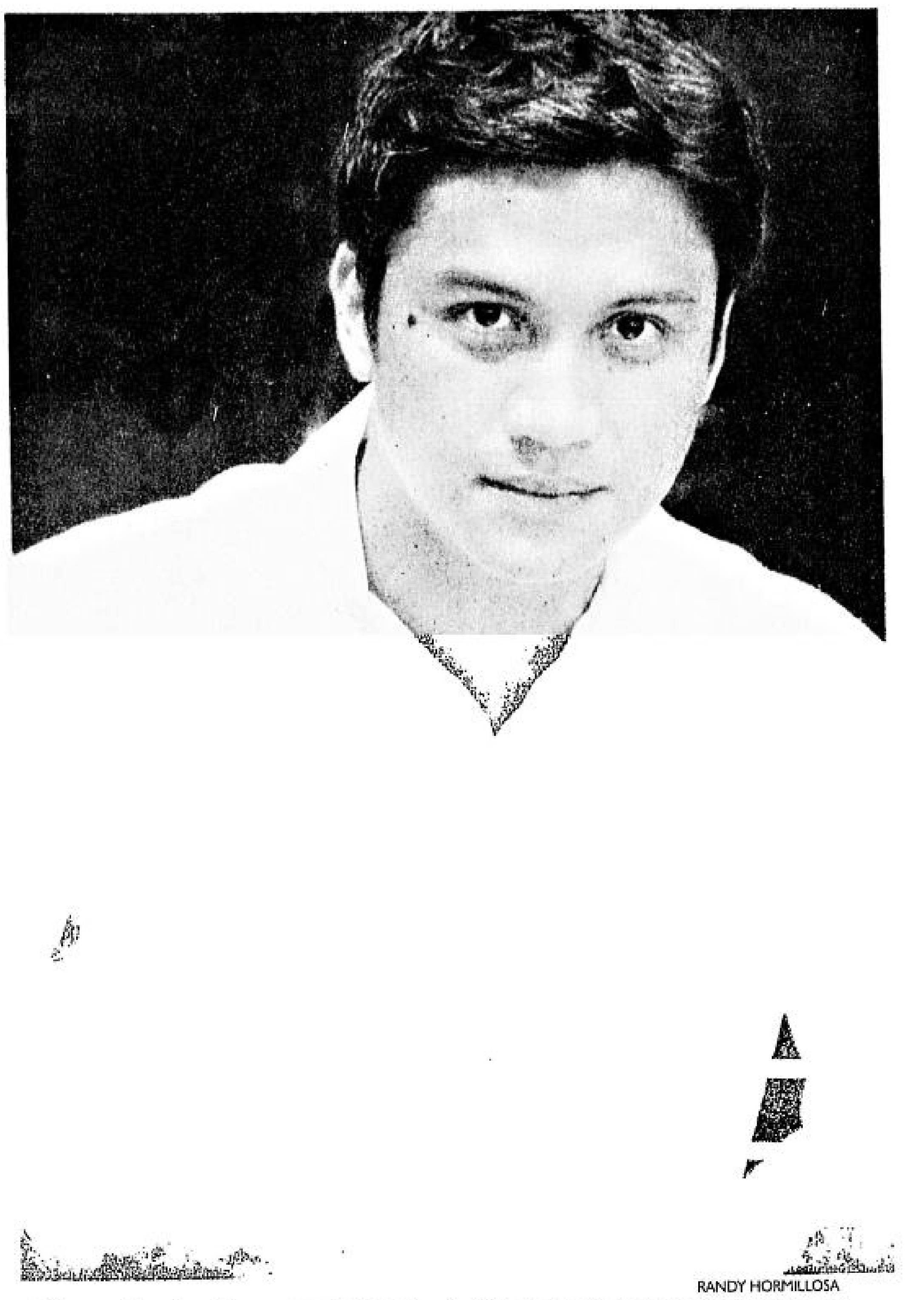
All this sounds strange when one considers that this isn't really what he wanted to do. "I really wanted to be a cartoonist when I was younger, so I look at myself as a failed cartoonist," says Cham Fong, a mathematical magician in the movies. "I wouldn't say I got what I wanted but I got something else. Life is all about second choices."

Young Achievers

In the Swim of Things

By Alya B. Honasan

Young director Andoy Ranay is breaking new ground with his underwater work in the fantaserye "Marina"—not bad for a guy who got sidetracked from his dream of being a leading man



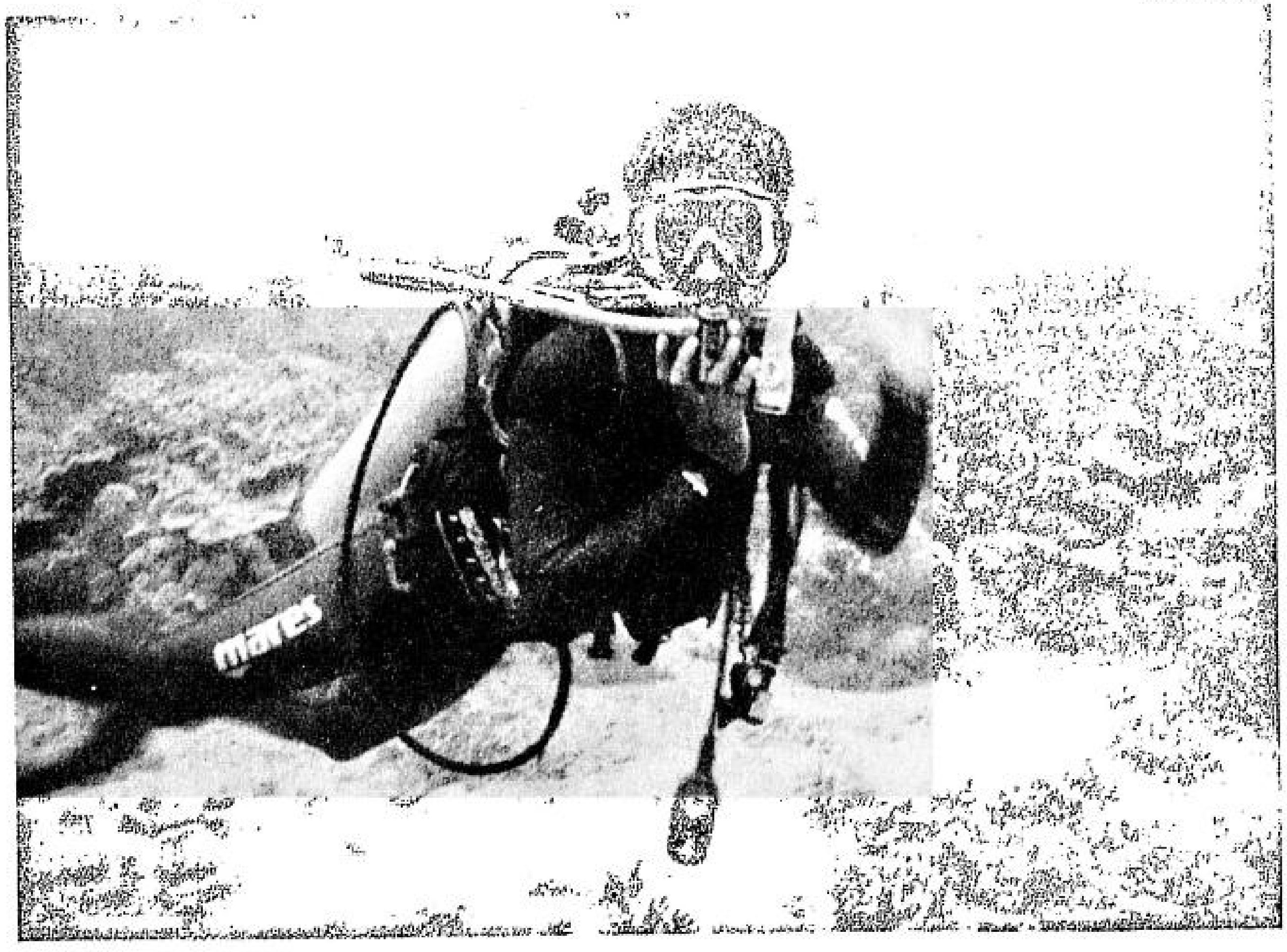
RANDY HORMILLOSA

T'S a director's logistical nightmare, but one you can't help but laugh about. Shooting underwater scenes for the ABS-CBN mermaid *fantaserye* "Marina," headlined by Claudine Barretto, director Andoy Ranay was faced with near ideal conditions. There was no current at the popular dive site, Anilao's Cathedral, at 60 feet, and visibility was good as two mermaids, played by experienced female divemasters, flipped their tails around the landmark corals. Suddenly, two Japanese tourists in full dive gear, probably thinking they had run into the real thing, appeared out of nowhere to chase and photograph the mermaids. "It was crazy!" recalls Andoy. "We had to shoo them away and explain that we were in the middle of a television shoot."

Such is a typical work day in the life of Ranay, who began co-directing "Marina" with his directing partner and mentor Wenn Deramas in January of this year. Since then, the 30-year-old Ranay, probably the youngest contract director of ABS-CBN, has had to learn to scuba dive, getting a virtual crash course on volatile diving conditions to prepare for his job, which is mainly to shoot the underwater scenes for the daily soap opera. "I don't mind, really, because I've always loved the water. I used to be a mermaid myself!" Luckily, Ranay's cameraman, dive instructor Boy Siojo, was also the guy who certified him.

Although he is more recognizable as an actor—remember Ai-Ai de las Alas' outrageous gay buddy in *"Tanging Ina"*?—and is a relative newbie behind the camera, Ranay has done his time in the technical trenches. His first job with the network was as a production assistant on "Mel and Jay," followed by stints as segment producer for *"Hoy Gising!"* and "MAD." After that, he set his mind on learning to direct. "I actually trained to become an Assistant Director. I had to study editing; I didn't know what a reel was!" He worked as second unit director for Deramas in the soap *"Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan,"* and the two have functioned so well as a team that Deramas also took him on board for "Marina." "As second unit, I respect his shots," Ranay says of their cooperation on the set, "but I do have ideas that I carry out which resemble his style. On TV, you can't tell who directed which scene anymore."

CASTY PAMBID



The road to directing was actually an afterthought, Ranay recounts. Born in Manila and the eldest of three kids, Ranay had wanted to be an *artista* since he was a child. He was even a proud extra in the Vilma Santos film "Broken Marriage" when he was 10. He appeared in high school plays at St. James and later rubbed elbows with theater greats at the University of the Philippines, where he studied Theater Arts but was lured to work before he could graduate. It was while appearing in Anton Juan's "The Bacchae" that he would meet the late great director Ishmael Bernal, who gave him some portentous advice. "Don't be an *artista*, you're good-looking but won't become famous because you're gay. *Mag*-direct *ka na lang.*"

"Of course I felt bad at the time, because I still wanted to act and I wasn't out yet," Ranay recalls. "But eventually I saw what he meant, and I realized he was right. I had to do something about my true self before I could be a good actor." Ranay eventually came out at age 21, with the blessings of his parents, who said it was all right "as long as I don't get sick," Ranay laughs, "and even if I was the only *bading* on both sides of the family!" He confirms that, other than in stereotyped roles, there is "no place for a gay actor in Philippine cinema, at least not as leading man, sorry. You'd have to be a liar, although some people are doing that. *Mangangawit kang umarte!* (You'll strain yourself with the acting!)"

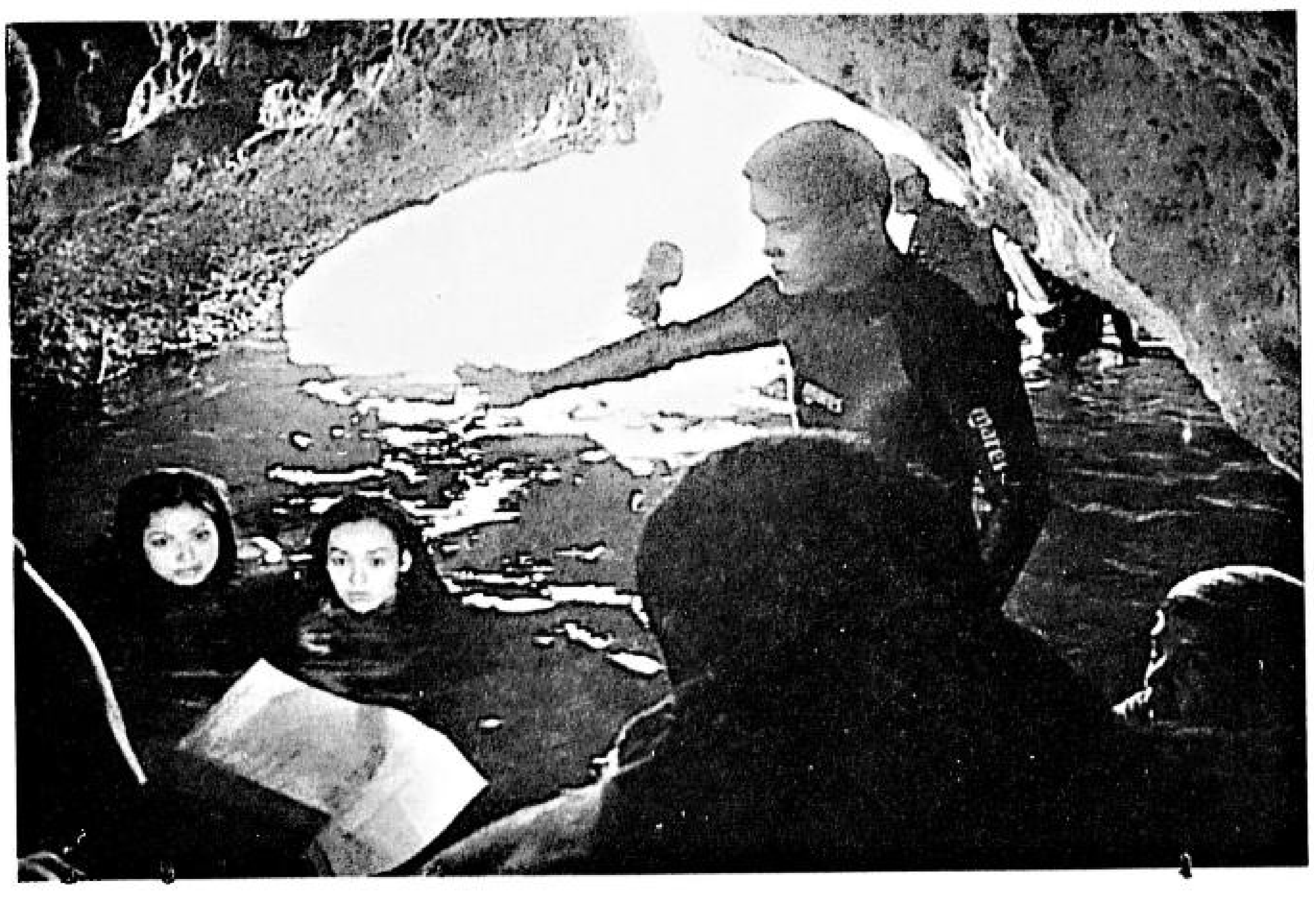
Was it difficult to come out? "No. Your only battle is with yourself, accepting yourself for what you are. I'm more comfy being out, because now I don't have to hold back and repress my creative juices, afraid that people might suspect."

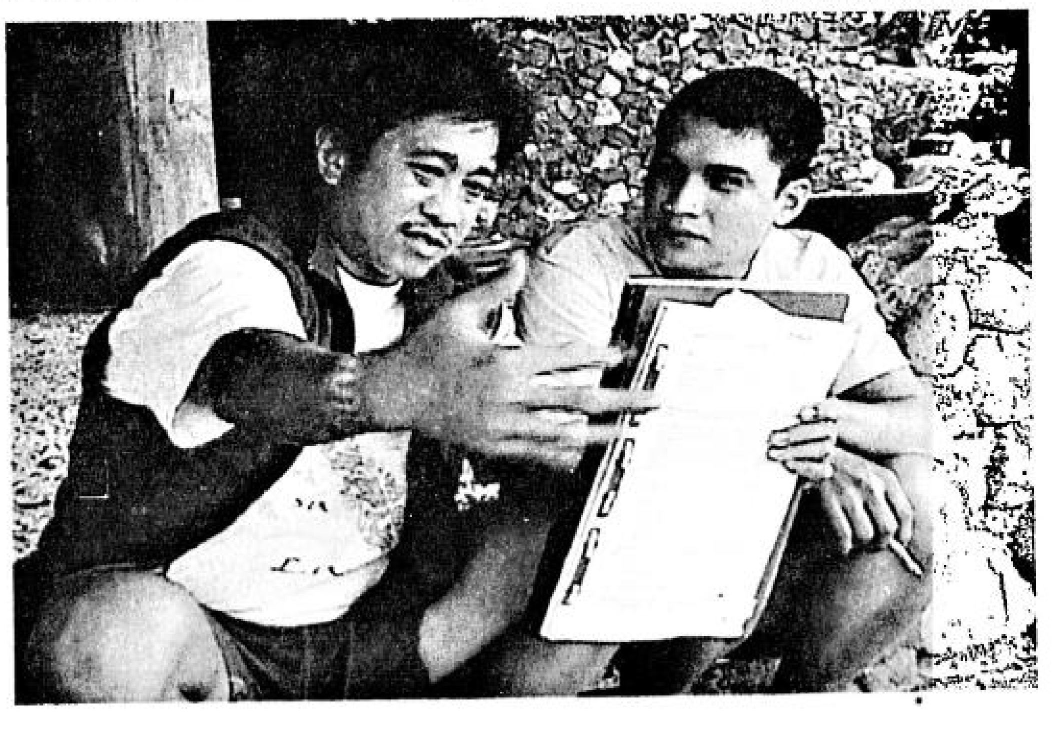
And Ranay's creative juices are flowing indeed in "Marina," a vehicle into which ABS-CBN is investing a lot, especially in the digital resources department. "It's really so much fun—you can ask for what you want, a sea monster that looks like it's made of water, and *puede* (it's done)." Obviously, management has faith in Ranay's abilities, and he is straightforward about deserving it. "I feel elated, as they don't normally give breaks to *baguhan* (newcomers) like me; you have to earn it, and I think I can offer a lot."

A working day in Anilao, Batangas sees Ranay and the underwater team in wetsuits, scouting sites before setting up complicated shots that could involve Claudine, eight mermaids and as many safety divers, plus the technical crew. "We have to consider current, or sudden bad visibility. Difficult—but rewarding."

He hasn't exactly given up acting, however. In fact, Ranay recently played the lead in the much-talked-about gay film *"Duda,"* the first digital video feature commercially released in the country, produced by Grupong Sinehan and the UP Cineastes, and directed by Cris Pablo. The role was a departure from his usual sashaying gay characters, and required some nudity. "I wanted to do it, although I consulted my boyfriend first." Ranay is currently in a relationship, and the boyfriend is not in the same business—"which is good," he says. Ranay lives in Quezon City, and spends his little free time reading, cooking, playing badminton and actually diving, which he has come to enjoy immensely even outside of work.

Although he considers himself both an actor and director, and would have to "ask about the budget *na!*" when presented with good projects with both acting and directorial assignments, he is more gung-ho about being behind the camera—and, like every director, dreams of making a film. "I can't do a film yet, though, because I still can't compromise very much. I'll probably complain, then I'll get lazy. But I think I'm a good storyteller, I know what a good script is, so I can do a good job. And you can do it with a mainstream producer. Look at Maryo de los Reyes' 'Magnifico'; his producer believed in him, and look what he was able to come up with." Q





Water baby: (Counter clockwise from top left) Ranay in his element; directing Claudine and other "mermaids"; consulting with cameraman and dive instructor Boy Sioso

People for the Planet

By Ross Harper-Alonso

Nature's Keeper

As a tour host in Palawan, Adly Sarail faces a double challenge: how to help guests enjoy nature to the hilt, while preserving this island paradise for the next generation

THE LEGEND HOTEL

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TANNED and looking very dapper in his khaki uniform, Adly Sarail's appreciation of nature grew after his family relocated to Puerto Princesa from Manila when he was a boy. Now a tour host for a Palawan hotel, Adly, 25, is intent on making sure that he returns the favor by promoting ecotourism among visitors to this island paradise.

His parents were only 17 when they got married and reckoned that living in Palawan would be a cheaper proposition, recounts Adly. It proved to be a good move for the boy and his older sister, who both took like ducks to water in their new home. Summers were spent on fishing boats as the young boy dove with local fishermen at night to untangle fishing nets and release baby sharks or undersized fish.

"For a former city boy like me, this was an exciting time," says Adly. "Of course I wish I could tell you that we caught a mermaid at one time." he laughs, recalling one of the sea stories told him. "The crew swapped a lot of tall tales or stared at the moon when all the work on the boat was done."

Before graduating from the Palawan State University with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, Adly spent four months doing practicum at the Legend Hotel, driving for the managers and guests, helping out in the kitchen, serving in the dining room, doing the laundry and manning the front desk. It didn't matter if he was in an apron, tie or shorts; the hospitality business was where Adly felt he belonged.

'Cross-training'

Armed with a degree, he soon returned to the hotel as a regular employee, starting off as a driver then quickly moving on to become a senior tour host. More than just meeting guests at the airport with a wide smile or announcing the name of every town that the tour bus passes, his job easily brings to mind the word "cross-training." As tour host, Adly is an efficient secretary minding the tiniest details in a guest's itinerary, an attentive waiter during meals at Sabang Beach, a lifeguard to guests swimming in Honda Bay, a standby nurse with first aid kit just in case anyone gets too comfortable with the monkeys and *bayawak* (monitor lizards) at the Subterranean River Park, and a lecturer on the wonders of the island.

He says: "Although I received excellent training from the city tourism office, I thought it was important to research more about Palawan on my own. I couldn't imagine how I could be an effective tour host if I didn't even know the history of the islands or the names of our trees and endemic species." He has also explored most of the island so he knows it like the palm of his hand.

Like most jobs, being a tour host has

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EXPAT PINOYS

BPI EXPAT PINOYS PROGRAM FORGES PARTNERSHIP WITH DOT.

Two Agreements signed symbolize the two institutions' partnership in reaching out to all Filipinos overseas.

The Bank of the Philippine Islands recently forged a partnership with the Department of Tourism for its BPI Expat Pinoys Program as it signed two (2) Memoranda of Agreement (MOA).

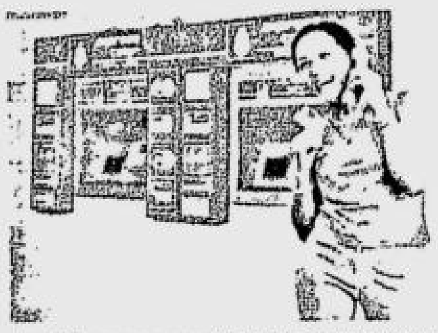
Expat Pinoys Meets BPI. Our kababayans get invited by BPI Expat Pinoy staff to visit, sign up and check out the offers.

Principal figures in the event were former Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Richard J. Gordon and BPI SEVP and BPI Family Savings Bank President Aurelio R. Montinola III.

The first MOA involves a partnership with the Duty Free Balikbayan Program granting special privileges to all Duty Free Balikbayan Plus Cardholders.

The second MOA, on the other hand, is an agreement to build a data-base of names which both institutions can tap to help carry out their joint and individual projects: DOT for its Volunteer 12 Program to improve local tourism, and BPI for its Expat Pinoys Program.

BPI Expat Pinoys is a comprehensive project whose mission is to provide personal financial planning and management for overseas Filipinos. This program will have a two-pronged implementation plan: values education and financial empowerment.



Expat Pinoys can access their BPI accounts through the phone, toll-free or through BPI Express Online. There are 13 international toll-free numbers recently launched by BPI, and posted at www.bpiexpressonline.com.

The program involves the giving of financial advice to our Expat Pinoys on the value of saving and providing for their financial security in the future. This includes teaching them how to set financial goals, assess the present, set priorities, make financial decision and act on those decisions that will impact their future and those of their families.

Through financial empowerment, the program aims to enable our Expat Pinoys to take control of their money earned from working abroad. This not only involves advice on remittance and investment opportunities; but also empowers the senders by giving them interactive channels that will allow them to be in touch with their finances wherever they may be.

BPI Expat Pinoy Advantage. A BPI Expat Pinoy personnel gives a kababayan an overview on the offers and benefits they can get by signing up.

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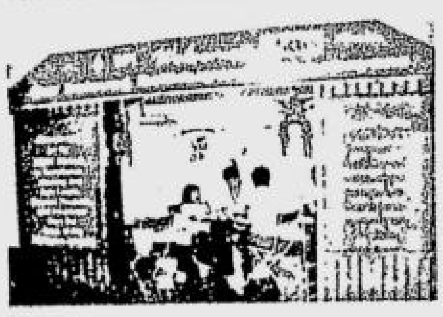
Former DOT Secretary Richard J. Gordon welcomes partnership with BPI Expat Pinoys Program for overseas Filipinos. The DOT and BPI teams include (from left) Vice President Raul Dimayuga (head of BPI Overseas Filipinos Market segment), Senior Vice President Nita A. Claravall (head of BPI Marketing Department), Senior Manager Bolet S. Arevalo (BPI Marketing Department), BPI SEVP and BPI Family Bank President Aurelio R. Montinola III, Assistant Manager Teng Balleza (BPI Marketing Department) and Duty Free General Manager Michael Christian U Kho

The term Expat Pinoys is used by BPI to refer to all Filipinos based or working abroad. The program has been inspired by the fact that Filipinos, even when away from home, still desire to come home one day. It is in this light that BPI seeks to be able to secure a better tomorrow for the Expat Pinoys and their families.

Balikbayan signs up. Photo shows a balikbayan registering at the BPI Expat Pinoys and DOT Volunteer 12 booth at the NAIA



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This Week

Art

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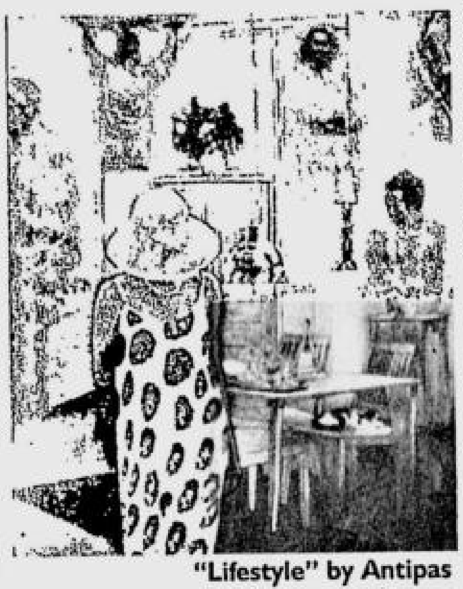

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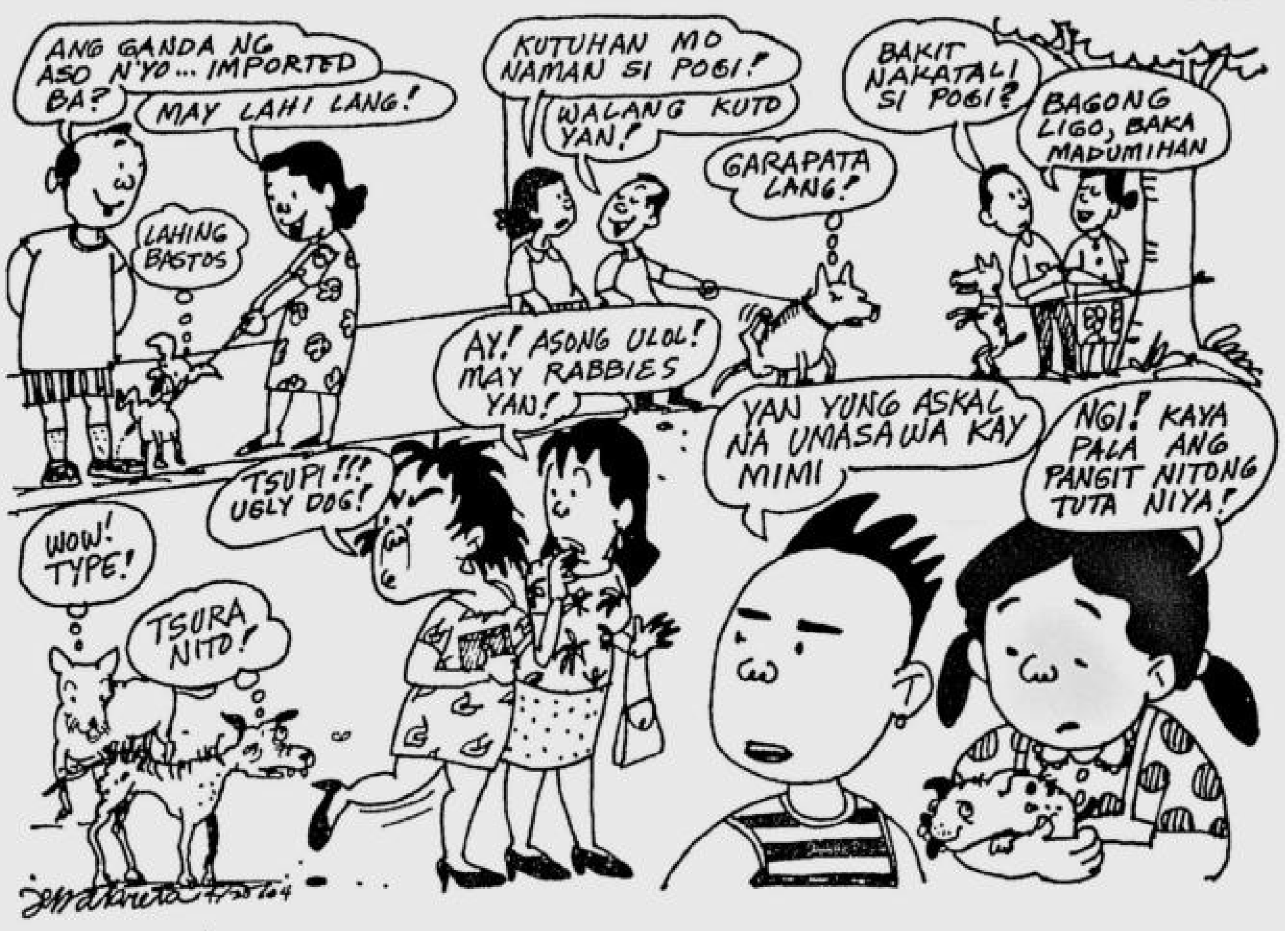
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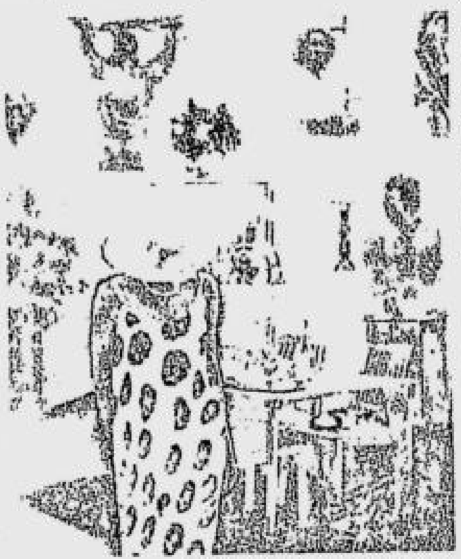

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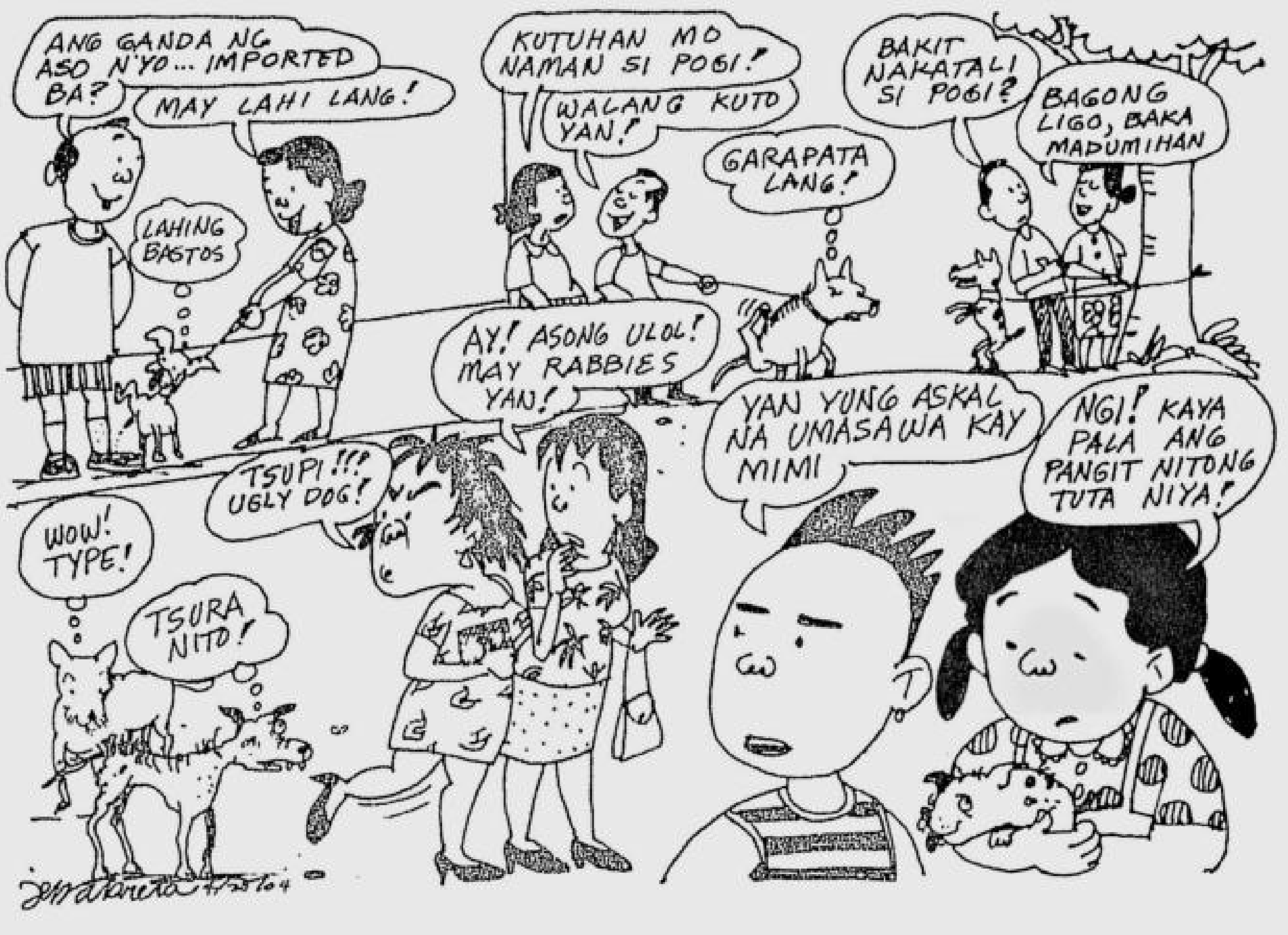
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Nandi would visit her grandfather in prison twice a year, the maximum number of visits allowed, in June and December. These visits impressed upon her the tremendous sacrifices of "Madiba," the clan name by which her grandfather is known in South Africa. Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years, from 1963 to 1990, because of his lifelong commitment to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa and to his vision of a non-racial free society for all its people. Such a commitment had been pursued mainly through his active involvement in the African National Congress (ANC), the organization founded in 1912 which relentlessly led the struggle for the dismantling of apartheid and whose Youth League Mandela helped organize.

Greatest regret

This meant that Mandela, for the most part, was not able to be with his family and care for his wife, children and grandchildren, and had to miss out on their growing years. Because of his involvement in the long years of struggle, he also was not able to take care of his mother or even attend her funeral. Having to sacrifice his family life was his greatest regret in life, Mandela confessed in his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom." Even when he was released and eventually became the President of South Africa in the first democratic elections in 1994, his family hardly saw much of him, because he would spend most of his time traveling, giving speeches and raising funds for housing, schools and hospitals. At 85, he is still healthy and vigorous, thanks to his genes and strict physical self-discipline.

In Manila for four days last March to receive an award for her grandfather, Nelson Mandela's granddaughter Nandi proved that she has inherited the great leader's warmth and charisma, as well as his passion to help others

Revered leader: Nelson Mandela (right) with FVR during the african presiden's Philippine visit in March 1997

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The second of three children (two girls and a boy) of Thembe, Nelson Mandela's eldest son by his first wife Evelyn, Nandi grew up in Transkei and was raised by her grandmother Evelyn because her father, a businessman, died in a car accident at 24. She studied up to the 12th grade in the Eastern Cape Province. Transkei, she explains, was a homeland or dormitory-like state because it was created as a separate unit called Bantustan by the state to further segregate the blacks. Confined to that area, they were made to work at jobs that would require them to be separated from their families. They were allowed to go home once or twice a week. Upon completing their jobs, they would retire to this homeland.

She would often read about her grandfather's leading role as a freedom fighter in the newspapers and keep abreast of what he was doing through family discussions. Prior to her birth in 1968, blacks were required to have passes to go beyond the area where they lived. They needed these passes to go to other neighborhoods. The passes also doubled as permits that had to be stamped by the labor bureau to indicate that they were authorized to go to work. Those caught without stamped passes could be arrested and imprisoned for one year, tortured or made to strip and walk around naked.

As a college student in Cape Town, where she pursued a degree in social sciences and later took a nine-month business course, Nandi experienced the same difficulties as other blacks, among them having a hard time renting an apartment or flat, as most of these lodgings were only rented out to whites. When she was 19, she recalls having personally experienced what apartheid was all about when she boarded a train with a first class ticket. There were 10 carriages in the train and of these, the first three were reserved for first class white passengers, one for first class blacks, and the rest for second and third class ticket holders.

Unknowingly, she entered and sat in one of the first three carriages that were reserved only for first class white passengers. When the inspector came to look at her ticket, she was reading a magazine and nonchalantly gave him her first class ticket. He told her she was in the wrong carriage, waited beside her seat, and when the train stopped at the next station, escorted her to the carriage for black passengers.

Such experiences of discrimination compelled her to join other black students in staging political demonstrations as a student.

Helping through business

In 1995, when democratic rule was installed in South Africa, Nandi went to the United States and enrolled in the New School of Research in Manhattan as one of 29 South African students on an exchange program. For some time, she worked for Kraft Foods and for some NGOs in New York City. Upon her return to South Africa, she settled down in Durban, where she worked with British Petroleum. She returned to the US in 2001 to do some work for British Petroleum's Public Affairs Department .

But after several years of working with a corporation, Nandi felt it was time to strike out on her own and set up a small consultancy company that could do development work. It became clear to her that while her grandfather had struggled to liberate the Africans through politics, she could support that effort through business. She specifically set her sights on setting up a consultancy firm for development and planning. So with her colleague, she set up Linda Masinga and Associates, which does development planning, project management, social impact and needs assessment, and capacity building programs.

The consulting company works closely with government to improve the infrastructure of towns and provide basic services like clean water and electricity. According to her, the government has built 1.8 million houses in Durban in the past 10 years, but it still has a lot to do to provide enough access to water and to build houses and schools.

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